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FRANKSTON CITY FADES AWAY



Frankston president John Barclay

The pivotal line in Neil Young's song, "Out of the Blue," says "it's better to burn out, than to fade away". Victorian club Frankston City unintentionally adopted this philosophy about five years ago and finally burned out last week when it withdrew its membership of the VSF.

Just three and a half years ago Frankston City finished second in State League to Melbourne Croatia. The same clubs clashed in the

1979 Dockerty Cup final, Croatia winning 2-1 after extra time. It was the year Martin Peters and Eamon Bannon guested for Frank-

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

ston. Centenary Park with its plush social rooms was buzzing. The debt which the club accrued a few years earlier from the first of three huge overdrafts was lost amid a vibrant social atmosphere.

The following year, 1980, found Frankston City sadly depleted. Eight of the previous season's first team players had left, some because of the club's inability to meet the terms of their contracts. The player exodus had started. How-

ever, Martin Chivers was brought out as a guest player.

Frankston propped itself into a swaggering stance by signing new players. Most lasted just a season before they too left, many owed money by the club. The stigma of being labelled as a club which didn't pay its players finally took its toll this year.

Frankston City would have struggled to field a first team in the Metropolitan First Division this season, the league it dropped into after last year's last placed State League finish.

The VSF received Frankston's official letter of membership withdrawal last Friday. As we went to press, Frankston City still was negotiating a merger with Carrum Cowboys, in the unaffiliated Bayside League.

The club which swept into State League in 1977 and went within an ace of



A toast to success! The Carrum Cowboys celebrate championship triumph in the Victorian Bayside League. From left, standing: Colin Hampton, Jim Ward, Graham Watons, David Kelly, Martin Mitzmaurice, Allan Godwin, Derek Bonner, Gary Watson. Front: David Hunter, Guy Lunney, Chris Bardsley, Ricky Gray, Rick Slobar.

clinching the championship in its third season in top company had just 11 players left last week. They were Bill Buchanan, Andy Golby, Frank Petersen, David Fye, Norrie Campbell, Colin Mitchell, Pat O'Connor, Jason Symons, Gerry Donohue, Robbie Reader and Martin Parkes. Goalkeeper Dave Gilbert was on the transfer list. Frankston had

Norm Maitland, Paul Hyne and Terry Nolan (not the Nolan of Croydon fame) training with it and may have signed all three if it had been able to find a reserve team and maintained its VSF membership.

Frankston City burned itself out last week. It didn't die, just condemned itself to obscurity. It decided to fade away.

Eight new clubs for '84 NSL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Eight clubs are expected to be added to a regionalised National League competition next year.

Leading candidates appear to be Ajax, Morwell Falcons, Croatia Melbourne, Croatia Sydney, Melita Eagles, Azzurri (SA) and perhaps a Tasmanian combine.

The National League is expected to be split into a north and a south region of 12 clubs each.

The top four of each region would advance at the end of the year to an eight-team play-off series to determine the national champion.

And that national champion is expected to play against the champion of the North American Soccer League in a home-and-away intercontinental cup tie.

These and other proposals



Alex Marshall

Broken arm no problem

Alex Marshall (pictured), the gigantic striker from Victorian State League club Polonia, played with a broken arm against Green Gully Ajax on Sunday as Polonia kicked off its league campaign by holding the current State League champion to a 1-1 draw.

Marshall broke his left arm in a training mishap on Saturday and had the arm put in plaster later that day. He decided to play against Ajax so he removed the plaster, bandaged the arm and took to the field. Late on Sunday night he had the arm again encased in plaster.

Marshall is featured on page 13 of this issue and you can read about the Polonia-Ajax clash on page 10.

maximise crowds, and automatic promotion and relegation, no matter which clubs finish in the last two positions."

Mr Papsavas said he had a fairly accurate idea of how this would be achieved, but added that he welcomed more discussion. ASF commercial director Peter Sheehan also will provide ideas about the restructuring.

Mr Papsavas favors two regional leagues, one based in Melbourne, one in Sydney. Melbourne would have a branch office of the NSL.

The two Brisbane teams would play in the northern region but either Wollongong, Newcastle or Canberra — probably Canberra — would be included in the south.

"This would help even up the numbers, and it wouldn't harm these clubs because they don't have local derbies anyway," Mr Papsavas said.

He added that a Tasmanian team would be included if Tasmania could come up with a viable proposition. The Tasmanians often have proposed entering a select team made up of players who would compete for their clubs on Saturdays or mid-week and in the NSL on Sundays.

Mr Papsavas said that representation from South Australia would have to be increased in the southern region. When the top four of each region advance to the national play-offs, the rest should join in with Cup competitions run by their respective State federations.

In Victoria, for example, they could come into one of the later rounds of the Dockerty Cup.

Asked whether the NSL expected opposition from the States because the new format would syphon off the best State League Clubs, Mr Papsavas said: "The VSF officials agree in principle, especially since we propose participation in State competitions. Look how successful the Ampol Cup was this year because of NSL participation."

About the chances of Ajax joining the NSL, he said: "In any new format, they would be a strong contender because of their incredible record."

And Croatia? Would Croatia have to change its name?

"We've all had to make concessions about our names," Mr Papsavas said. "I've got nothing against Croatia coming in, but they would have to adopt a district name."

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State League teams won't lift NSL standard

It now seems a foregone conclusion that the National Soccer League, in its present format, is to come to an end later this year, opening up possibilities for improvement, as well as dangerous pitfalls.

Regionalisation is strongly promoted by many as a way out of the financial mire into which the NSL has sunk, due in some measure to skyrocketing airfares in recent years.

However, there are other factors which have a bearing on the situation — less travel will not, in itself, be the salvation of the league.

The huge inflation of transfer fees in recent seasons was one. But, just like all other sections of the Australian economy, the recession finally has caught up with soccer, too, with marked reluctance on the part of most clubs to outlay large amounts.

Lack of administrative professionalism in many of the NSL clubs is also a major hindrance in the way of steady development. But, let's get back to the idea of regionalisation.

Inevitably, it will detract from the status of the NSL as a truly national competitive league, unless there is a measure of regular season inter-play between the two divisions mooted, on the pattern of professional sports in the USA and, closer to home, in the National Basketball League of Australia.

Even better — although there seems little chance of this happening — the NSL's size should be reduced drastically. This would have several immediate beneficial effects.

- Travel costs would be reduced.
- Fewer teams would be competing for the available pool of spectators.
- The NSL would become a potential showcase for the best soccer can offer in this country, with the elimination of inferior players and some inferior teams from the schedule.

Increasing the number of participating clubs, as regionalisation suggests, would further dilute the already deficient skill level of the NSL.

Having seen several NSW State League teams in action during the recent Ampol Cup, I would find it impossible to state that any of them would add much to the standard of the NSL.

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT



This is not to say that some, such as Croatia for instance, do not have some "goodies" to offer, like a goodly number of fans.

The NSL's decision makers have some hard decisions to make by the middle of the year, at the very latest.

One hopes that those decisions will be made on the basis of hard, realistic and detached planning and observations, not wishful thinking, or blind aping of a particular overseas pattern, which may not be wholly relevant to our circumstances.

On this will depend whether the NSL finally gets going once again as the catalyst for the improvement and promotion of soccer in this land, or simply takes a step in the direction of eventually reverting to the old setup of State Leagues only.

Thomson-Arok botch up

Oh dear, when will they ever learn?

It is an arguable point as to whether Frank Arok is a better coach than Eddie Thomson, or vice versa.

What is beyond dispute is that both men are masters of their trade and if you doubt it, just look at their results.

But the botch-up over the appointment of Les Scheinflug's stand-in for the England series is unforgivable, ending up as a demeaning exercise for two of the most respected coaches in this country.

Apologies are in order, if they haven't been made already!

Hakoah's death throes?

The Sydney City Hakoah saga may be drawing to a close, with this soccer club of great stature and history quite possibly in its death throes.

Alan Kerr wants to come back

Midfielder Alan Kerr is keen to return to the Victorian State League.

The talented, aggressive Kerr joined Melbourne Croatia in the 1970's, played for Victoria against New Zealand in 1981 then joined North Perth Croatia last year, taking over as player-coach in the second half of the season.

Clubs interested in signing Kerr, who is a permanent resident, can contact him in Perth at home on (09) 405 2114.

Livingstone to score just like Campbell

Watch out for Alex Livingstone. According to his coach, Peter Ollerton, Livingstone will be another Jim Campbell.

"He's quick like Campbell, and he scores goals just as regularly," Ollerton said.

Campbell, of course, is the Heidelberg midfield star who was included in the national squad recently.

Livingstone joined Preston Makedonia two weeks ago from Scottish club Albion Rovers, where he scored six goals in 15 senior games.

He started as an apprentice with Notts County in England, played two senior games with Mansfield Town, then was with the re-

serves of Airdrie in Scotland before joining Albion Rovers.

Asked about the strengths of his game, he said: "My passing, probably, and my goal-scoring. I like first-time passes and one-twos, and I can hold the ball OK. Also, I'm not that slow."

Makedonia midfielder Gordon Flavell saw Livingstone play for Albion Rovers while Flavell was in Scotland on holidays.

"Gordon came up and asked me whether I'd be interested in coming to Australia and I said why not?" Livingstone told us.

He has been impressed with Makedonia stars Zarko Odrakov, Claude Lucchesi and George Campbell in his first few weeks in Australia.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Austrian! Repeat: Austrian!

• Johan Schermann (pictured) is not, of course, an Australian international, no matter what our typesetters and proof readers may think.

Schermann, the new APIA star, was described as an Australian international in last week's "Soccer Action". It should have read: "Austrian international." Repeat, Austrian, NOT Australian. (Ed: Hope they got it right this time.)

Batinovic to St Albans

Striker Nad Batinovic of Melbourne Croatia joined Second Division club St Albans for \$2750 last week.

His Croatia team mate Danny Ramljak, a centre back, also is expected to move to St Albans, which is coached by former Croatia star Billy Vojtek.

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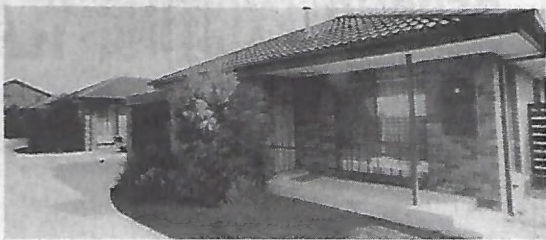
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My new sports store, in Marrickville, is situated in the heart of Sydney's Greek community and post-mortems go on here for days after the game. For example — he didn't pass to him, he shouldn't be playing in that position, he's trying to sabotage him etc, etc.

Believe me, they take their game seriously. Don't tell them there's a better team than Sydney Olympic because if you do, you're automatically an enemy. In many ways, of course, it's fantastic to have this type of support.

It's a great feeling to run onto the pitch in a packed stadium because of the electric atmosphere. I remember that at St George in 1979-80 we used to play in front of 1500 quiet spectators which was a far cry from 6000 fanatical fans.

As a player, I love the mad keen supporters, because they bring the best out in me.

They demand performances of a high standard week after week and it's a great challenge to try to deliver the goods. If you succeed, it builds consistency into your game.

The Olympic fans are hungry for success because they haven't had much to cheer about in 25 years (only the Ampol Cup success of 1980), so this year, coach Tommy Docherty, my team mates and I are determined to make the supporters' dreams come true.

*** Last week I opened my new sports store in Marrickville and you're welcome to drop in anytime.

I hope the clubs and the parents of junior players get behind us instead of going to shop in a Rugby League store or other shops which may not have a clue about soccer.

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• Zoran Ilioski

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Zoran Ilioski, former captain of Footscray J.U.S.T., was likely to join Preston-Makedonia as we went to press.

J.U.S.T. transfer-listed Ilioski last week for \$23,000 — a price that appeared too high, considering that most clubs had all but emptied their coffers in recruiting campaigns.

Makedonia however, was trying to reach a compromise.

For the good of J.U.S.T. however, what should have happened was this:

• President Zika Karic should have put it to Ilioski that the club wanted him to continue playing, provided he lifted his form and he accepted the money the club could afford.

• Ilioski himself should have accepted the challenge to fight back and show one and all that he is indeed one of the top players in Australia.

As it looks at the moment, however, Ilioski will go to Makedonia and Makedonia will be the winner.

The midfield there would be: Alex Livingstone, Zarko Odzakovic and Zoran Ilioski, with Peter Ollerton standing by as "super sub".

Ilioski agrees his form hasn't been good lately, but his heart has been with J.U.S.T. since he joined at the age of 11, and he knows he can do better.

J.U.S.T. president Zika Karic said the club had decided to let Ilioski go because it could not afford his contract demands.

"We decided some time ago that we wouldn't pay big signing fees," Karic said.

He added: "We told all the players that we didn't want to go out looking for new talent, providing they produced what we expect of them on the park. But after we had lost 4-1 to Makedonia, it was obvious that we needed new players."

J.U.S.T. also transfer-listed Mendo Ristovski, the club's all-time top NSL scorer, for \$3000. He joined the club as a nine-

J.U.S.T. wrong to dump me, says Ilioski



JUST coach Bobby McLachlan (left) and president Zika Karic.

year-old and returned last year after stints with Hellenas and Juventus.

Coach Bobby McLachlan, who led Ajax to the State League championships, is trying to change J.U.S.T.'s style by injecting muscle and aggression into the traditional Yugoslav short-passing game.

He has bought big Gus Macleod from Ajax, Graham Tutill from Frankston City, Joe Carroll who played for Wilhelmina last year, and appears to have finalised the deal for Alan Boath of West Adelaide Striker Eric Sinclair of Scottish club Dundee is expected to arrive within the next three weeks, and McLachlan was negotiating last week for John Yzendoorn and Ken Taylor of Heidelberg-Alexander.

Meanwhile, Milan Kojic and Slobodan Popovic, both fringe players at J.U.S.T., were sold to Fawkner and another fringe player, Dragan Vasic, to Richmond. Goalkeeper Milutin Celic is transfer-listed and midfielder Vlado Pljevaljic is taking J.U.S.T. to court, claiming breach of contract.

Jim Kondarios was appointed as J.U.S.T. captain late last week, to replace Ilioski, who was bitterly disappointed when we spoke with him.

"I asked for a bit more money, but I know that other players are getting more than me," he said. "The money wasn't a

problem as far as I'm concerned. In fact, I almost signed a new contract the week before they dumped me.

"It's obvious that someone in the club is against me.

"Some of them said they thought I was trying to sabotage the club by playing badly, and that I was against Bobby McLachlan. They are 100 per cent wrong."

"I had a hamstring injury which kept me out for a while last year, then I came back and played despite the injury. My confidence has been down so far this year, but instead of trying to lift my confidence, they decided to get rid of me instead. I feel very hurt."

"Maybe against Makedonia, when we lost 4-1, I did badly, but I was marked all the time by George McMillan. OK, I had a bad game, but no-one can say I didn't try. I tried as hard as I could. It was Peter Ollerton who did all the damage in that game — and nobody marked him."

Told that his transfer fee had been set at \$23,000, Ilioski said: "Oh my God. Unbelievable. If they reckon I'm not good enough to play for them, how can I be a \$23,000 player?"

APIA was the first club to enquire about Ilioski but he did not want to move interstate.

Ilioski, who will turn 25 on July 24, was promoted to the J.U.S.T. senior team at the age of about 17 and has played in every one of the six NSL seasons so far. He has scored 16 goals, and Ristovski 21.

Asked about McLachlan's attempt to change J.U.S.T.'s playing style, Ilioski said: "It takes a long time to mix the English style with our style. I respect the new players — Gus Macleod is a true sportsman and Joe Carroll will do great things this year. I'm sure of it. Bobby and the club definitely are trying to improve things but I think they're making a big mistake about me."

"They've made many mistakes over the years. Selling Branko Buljevic at the start of the National League was a real killer. They also forced out Frank Miele, then they sold Mendo, Joe Palinkas, Joe Picciano and John Nicolaidis who was a good player."

"There's nothing wrong with putting more British players into the team, but it has to remain basically Yugoslav, otherwise they'll lose supporters. If we lose our identity we're finished."



Dragan Vasic — sold to Richmond



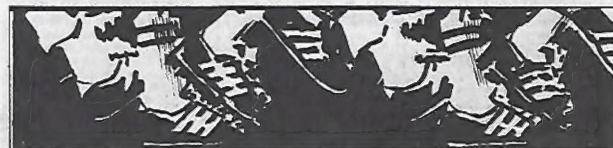
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Milan Kojic (left) transferred to Fawkner



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MacLean determined to make his mark at Morwell

Morwell Falcons
midfielder Jim MacLean should be one of the outstanding performers in the Victorian State League in 1983.



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

If so, it will be a triumph not only for MacLean's self pride and application but also for the honesty of some sections of the Victorian soccer press.

This paper criticised Falcons' new signing after he made his Victorian debut against Heidelberg United in a second round Ampol Cup match early last month. Editor Laurie Schwab wrote: "Jim MacLean showed potential as a hard-working midfielder but still is overweight."

It was the second successive slap in the face for MacLean delivered by "Soccer Action". The first came a week earlier when I interviewed new Brisbane Lions coach Simon Kistemaker who told me that he was so unimpressed by MacLean that he placed the midfielder on the transfer list.

Both slaps stung. The first because, in MacLean's own words, "No-one likes to be told in print that they are fat." MacLean, however, says that the criticism was totally justified. It also was productive. He has trained hard and has lost over a stone in weight in the past six weeks.

The rebuff from Kistemaker was misplaced. MacLean wasn't a Lions player at the time. He spent almost three quarters of last season with Brisbane Olympic in the Queensland State League. The Greek sponsored outfit bought him from Lions for \$2,500. He had a clause in his contract which allowed Lions to buy him back for the same amount. Lions chairman, John Morkus, contacted MacLean late last year and asked him to come back.

"Kistemaker told me that I was the man he wanted for the centre of midfield but I never told Lions that I definitely would rejoin. Then Falcons' coach Tony Boggi phoned. I came down here for a friendly match against Footscray J.U.S.T., returned to Brisbane and made up my mind to join Morwell, who paid Olympic \$2,500 for me," said MacLean.

"I couldn't believe it when I read in your paper that Kistemaker dumped me. It just wasn't true. I wasn't even a Lions player!"

"What saddened me was the thought of a lot of Victorian State League fans reading that and thinking that Falcons had signed a dud."

Falcons haven't signed a dud. Quite the opposite. Players' pedigrees are best left hanging on dressing room hooks. They mean nothing out on the park. Performance is paramount.

MacLean has a fine background in Scottish and English football. More importantly, he's currently one of Falcons' best players and from the three times I've watched him I've deduced that his skill and vision will help Falcons' bid for honors this year, a vital one in terms of the progressive Latrobe Valley club's future.

National League chairman, Sam Pappasavas, publicly stated recently that the league would be regionalised next year. It's fair to assume that a top four finish in Victoria's State League could be a stepping stone for inclusion in a new, regionalised competition. Falcons obviously want to realise their potential, which means playing at the highest possible level. Players like MacLean, although only on a one-year

contract, provide the quality needed to take on the South Melbourne Hellas, Heidelberg and Preston Macedonians of this soccer world. He's only 23 years old so he could have at least six years of top competition ahead of him.

MacLean was born in Kirkintilloch in Scotland, about 10 miles from Glasgow. It was while playing with juvenile club Possil Park that he was spotted by scouts from English clubs Birmingham City and Sunderland. He trialled with Birmingham City for two months.

"I didn't fancy it there. It's true what they say about that city; it's a concrete jungle. The place was too big, too depressing."

Sunderland, however, signed him as an apprentice for two years. Bob Stokoe was manager when MacLean joined and he pushed the youngster through the ranks. Along the way MacLean picked up youth league and reserve league championship medals.

Stokoe retired due to bad health. His successor, Jimmy Adamson, made sweeping changes to the playing staff. Scottish players were the main targets of Adamson's witch hunt. Billy Hughes, Bobby Kerr, Dick Malone, Jackie Ashurst and Jim Holton all went. Adamson wanted to use MacLean as a wide, attacking player, almost in the traditional role of a winger. MacLean wanted to play in the centre of midfield. The pair clashed. Adamson told MacLean to go back to Scotland for two weeks to think things over. When MacLean returned he agreed to switch playing roles. A

Jim MacLean in action for Brisbane Lions.



Club president John Morkus (left) and coach Joe Gilroy with the Phillips Cup Brisbane Lions won in 1981.

month later he regretted his decision, told Adamson, and was given a free transfer.

Peter Docherty, ex-Eire international, was the Sunderland scout who first spotted the promising young midfielder. He was friendly with Benny Rooney, manager of Scottish club Morton, so MacLean found himself en route to Cappielow Park, Greenock.

MacLean played in the Morton side which won the Scottish First Division championship in the 1977-78

MacLean (left) has lost his boot in his first match for Morwell Falcons, and Theo Selemidis is in the net after scoring for Heidelberg during the Victorian Ampol Cup.



established himself as a regular at Morton. He became impatient with manager Rooney and asked for a transfer. Former Glasgow Rangers player Eric Sorenson, arranged for MacLean to join West German Second Division outfit FC Nuernberg. After training with the Germans for a month and signing a contract, MacLean flew back to Scotland to settle domestic matters. He waited for his signing-on fee to arrive, and had been told by Nuernberg that there would be no hitch. However, a few weeks later, he received a telegram from the German club saying that the deal had been called off.

"I found out that Sorenson was making a bit of money out of wheeling and dealing with players and because of him the Nuernberg move fell through. I persevered with Sorenson though and let him fix me up with a Danish Second Division club, FC Randers. I just wanted to get away from Scotland. I was in a rut."

"The skill level of Danish football is excellent. It's not very physical though and Denmark suffers from the same problems as Scotland — their best players are snapped up by other countries. The Scots end up in England, the Danes end up in Germany of Holland."

MacLean played in Denmark for only a year. He found language problems insurmountable and couldn't settle. He returned to Scotland and was approached by Joe Gilroy. "Gilroy hinted to me at the time that he could be getting the coaching job at Brisbane

Lions. I joined the Lions in 1980 and about three months after I came Matt Carson was sacked and Gilroy was appointed."

"I can't stand Gilroy as a person. I rate him very highly as a coach, though."

"Lions were a side that never would win the league. They were happy to finish in the middle of the table. Winning the Phillips Cup was a bonus."

"At the start of the 1982 season we thumped Footscray J.U.S.T. 2-1 and I thought that I had a pretty good game. The next week I was on the bench. I asked why. Gilroy told me that he just wanted to try something different. That didn't satisfy me."

"Look, I just couldn't get on with the guy. He wanted us to do all the things that top professionals back home do. That's okay if we're full time players here but we're not. He didn't like us talking to the directors. He felt that we should be distanced from them. Well, Lions are a sort of family club. I got on well with John Morkus and I used to go to his house and have dinner with him and his family."

"Gilroy kept tabs on us. All the time. He could tell me everywhere I'd been and everything I'd done every day for the previous month. I thought that he got too involved in telling me how to run my life."

"He wanted us to be full time professionals in a part

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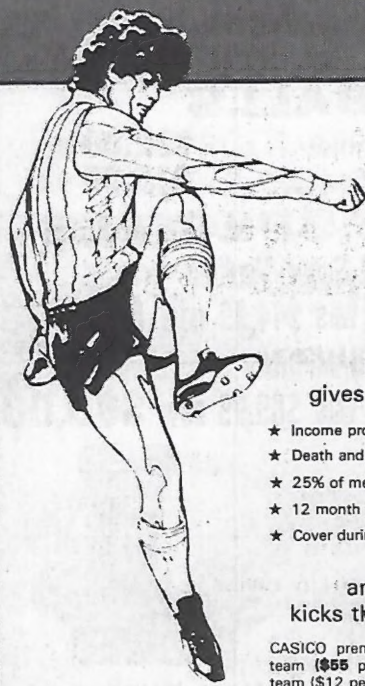
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	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	G	Pts
1. (3) SYDNEY C. HAKOAH	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	4:0
2. (4) WEST ADEL HELLAS	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2:0
3. (8) CANBERRA CITY	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2:0
4. (1) PRESTON-MAKEDONIA	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4:1
5. (8) St Melbourne Hellas	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4:1
6. (9) Brisbane City	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3:1
7. (2) Heidelberg-Alexander	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2:0
8. (6) St George Budapest	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1:1
9. (14) APIA-Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1:2
10. (11) Wollongong	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	2:2
11. (12) Newcastle KB United	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1:1
12. (7) Adelaide City Juventus	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	2:4
13. (10) Marconi-Datsun	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1:3
14. (16) Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	1	5:0
15. (13) Sydney Olympic	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0:4
16. (15) Brisbane Lions	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	8:0

Egyptian star at Heidelberg

Heidelberg-Alexander last week signed Egyptian International Ahmed Awad, 24, a midfielder or striker.

Awad has represented Egypt 17 times and has played for clubs in Libya, Saudi Arabia, Greece and Egypt.

He came to Australia because he married a Tasmanian.

Heidelberg's players have nick-named

Awad "Cyrille Regis" after the West Brom and England star.

Coach Ken Morton said he may use Awad in attack in about two or three weeks, when he is fit.

Gary Cole, meanwhile has had his ankle operation and is in Viny House in Kew. He will be there at least until tomorrow (Thursday) and will remain in plaster for six weeks.

Figures say Hakoah, Hellas will win again

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Statistics are heavily against Sydney Olympic and Footscray JUST in the top ten matches of the weekend's NSL round.

Olympic, yet to justify its big spending, faces mighty Sydney City Hakoah at home, in a fixture that traditionally is dominated by Hakoah.

Of their 10 meetings so far, Hakoah has won 7, drawn 2 and lost only one, scoring 24 goals to 12 in the process.

South Melbourne Hellas has an equally convincing record against JUST, having won 7, drawn 3 and lost only 2 of their 22 matches, for a goals tally of 22-13.

So it looks like Olympic and JUST will stay near the foot of the table, despite the acquisition of recruits Steve Paterson (Olympic), who used to play for Manchester United, and Ken Taylor (JUST) the former Heidelberg midfielder.

JUST also hopes to have Alan Boath here from New Zealand in time for the match.

The Hellas team will feature John Yezendorn, transferred from Heidelberg for \$15,000.

Marconi v Canberra

Record so far: Canberra 4 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 13:10 goals.

Marconi will have Mark Jankovics back in its attack, having recovered from a knee injury sustained during the Ampol Cup.

He will be joined up front in about a week by Steve Vinn, a striker from English Second Division club Rotherham. One wonders what kind of attacking combination Doug Collins will come up with then, as he also has Rod Brown, Rene Licata and Ian Hunter.

However, in the meantime, Canberra must be favored to win by virtue of its goal spree against Brisbane Lions — a 6-1 victory achieved despite the absence of George Christopoulos and Frank Farina.

Heidelberg v West Adelaide

Record so far: Heidelberg 5 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 19:14 goals.

West Adelaide may have to play without its Soccerco goal-keeper Martyn Crook who was concussed in a collision with JUST's Gus Macleod last Sunday.

West Adelaide is in second place on the ladder but despite the steadiness provide by Neil McGachey at the back, I can't see Wests keeping out those eager Heidelberg forwards, Jim Campbell, Mike Valentine and Theo Seledimidis.

St George v Makedonia

Record so far: St George 2 wins from 2 games; Goals: 3:0.

Could it be that if Dez Marton doesn't fire, St George can't win?

There's nothing surer than that Con Opsinas will mark Marton throughout the match. Makedonia also may have Zoran Illoski in its team, providing the club agrees on transfer details with JUST.

But Makedonia then would have a glut of midfielders — Odzakov, Ollerton, Livingston, Flavell, McMillan (who can double as striker), Lucchesi (ditto) and David Whittle who's on the transfer list.

Wollongong v APIA

Record so far: APIA 2 wins, 2 draws, no losses; 8:5 goals.

Wollongong coach Willie Wallace confronts his former team, APIA.

Wallace has done better with Wollongong than had been expected, but this game should go to APIA.

Last week Bertie Mariani, the recruit from Marconi, was shifted to the forward line to

boost the attack, and of course APIA has another trump card in Arno Bertogna who knows Wollongong inside out as he played there last season.

Brisbane City v Newcastle

Record so far: Newcastle 2 x 3 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 14:12 goals.

This looks like a draw to me. Jim Hermiston has Brisbane City playing with a lot of confidence — especially at the back where Steve Perry and Peter Tokesi are in great form.

These two may be able to curtail David Lowe, but I can't see the Brisbane City forwards making much impression against Howard Treddinick's defence.

Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions

Record so far: Brisbane Lions 5 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 17:17 goals.

Teams that are in such bad form as Brisbane Lions bounce back when you least expect it. Although I offer coach Simon Kistemaker that reassuring thought, I don't believe it myself.

The plain fact is that the Lions team as it stands, does not have the quality necessary to achieve decent results in the NSL.

Adelaide City should win quite comfortably, with Neil Banfield calling the shots from the back.

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

BEST PLAYER VOTING

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Brown, Egan, Murphy) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Middle Park. Crowd about 10,000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Blair (SM), 5. Murphy (SM), 4. Crino (SM), 3. Brown (SM), 2. Helford (SM), 1. Davidson (SM).

CANBERRA CITY 6 (Bryant, 2. Redmond, 2. MacLaren, Cole) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Cotton) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 3500. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Bryant (C), 5. Gibson (C), 4. Cole (C), 3. Redmond (C), 2. Kelso (BL), 1. Hogg (BL).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Tokel, Cairney) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Perry (BC), 5. Tokesi (BC), 4. Banfield (AC), 3. Cairney (BC), 2. Dods (AC), 1. Williamson (BC).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Peter Deslar:

6. Odzakov (Mak), 5. Yankos (H), 4. McMillan (Mak), 3. Jones (Mak), 2. Spanos (H), 1. Olver (H).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina 2) MARCONI-

DATSUN 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 1284. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Kosmina (SC), 5. Bruce (SC), 4. Mullen (SC), 3. Budini (M), 2. Pezzano (SC), 1. Brown (M).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (Giampaolo) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Alex Vasic:

6. Greedy (St. G), 5. Giampaolo (APIA), 4. Scharmann (APIA), 3. Woodhouse (APIA), 2. J. O'Shea (St. G), 1. Berntoga (APIA).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Lowe) WOLLONGONG 1 (Cotton) at International Sports Centre. Crowd 2024. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

11. Murphy (SM), Yankos (H'berg), Tokesi (BC), Perry (BC), 9. Odzakov (Mak), 8. Dunn (WA), Kosmina (SC), 7. McGachey (WA), Dunleavy (W).

NSL team of the week

PERRY (Bris. C)	DUNN (West Adel)	BLAIR (SM-Hellas)	DUNLEAVY (Wollongong)
MURPHY (SM-Hellas)	ODZAKOV (Makedonia)	BRYANT (Canberra)	
GIAMPAOLO (APIA)	KOSMINA (SYD. City)	GIBSON (Canberra)	



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Goalmouth action from the West Adelaide-Footscray J.U.S.T. clash on Sunday. From left: Paul Wormley (West), Graham Honeyman (West), Gus Macleod (J.U.S.T.), Paul Sinic (J.U.S.T.). Photo by FRANK HOBBS.

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Lions ripped apart, record score to Canberra

Canberra 6 Bris Lions

Scorers: Bryant 2, Redmond 2, MacLaren, Cole (Can); Daunt (Bri).

Venue: Bruce Stadium.

BRISBANE LIONS: Marshall 7, McSkimming 7, Marazalek 7, Hunter 8, Niven 7; Stewart 7 (Daunt 45th, 71), Wright 7, Bassingthwaite 7; Kelso 6, Hoag 7, De Geer 7.

CANBERRA: Howsowski 7, T. Byrne 7, Murray 7, Walsh 8; G. Byrne 7, Cole 8, Bryant 8; Stone 7, Redmond 8, Gibson 8. **Referee:** G. Davies 8. **Crowd:** 3,500. **Cautions:** Wright

It rained goals at Canberra's National Sports Centre on Saturday — and all but one served to splatter Brisbane Lions across the green canvas as Canberra recorded a dramatic 6-1 victory.

It was Canberra's best win in the NSL, surpassing its 5-0 home defeat of Footscray U.S.T. in Canberra nearly two years ago.

And what made the win even more remarkable was that Canberra was forced to make eleventh-hour changes when injuries sidelined internationals George Christ-



Peter Windsor

opolous and Frank Farina.

Initially, however, the last-minute absence of young international Farina — coupled with that of speedster Tony Brennan — seemed to have blighted Canberra's capacity to score as it had but a two-

man front line of Ian Gibson and newcomer Phil Redmond.

It was the big, strong, blond-haired Liverpoolian Redmond who broke the drought and began Canberra's goal-scoring spree in the 24th minute.

Then came the first of two sensational Canberra goals.

Inside forward Ian Gibson ran half the length of the pitch before side-footing a pinpoint pass to Kiwi international Duncan Cole on the right flank. Cole let fly first time from 25 metres and the ball almost took out the far right hand corner of the net. It was a superb goal.

Then Brisbane Lions rallied

before sinking deeper into despair when Canberra was awarded a penalty right on the half-time whistle.

Referee Glen Davies, of Canberra, who had a fine NSL debut, ruled a defender had handled as the ball was put back to Marshall and from the spot Canberra's Steve Bryant scored.

The second half was almost a repeat performance with the exception that Lions hit back just eight minutes after the change-round with a goal by second half replacement Calvin Daunt.

The big man joined Lions' other big man Barry Kelso up

front and after a superb Steve Hogger corner, the ball was headed down for Daunt to score from only six metres.

But any thought of a second half Lions revival quickly was dispelled.

Three minutes later Canberra netted its second goal in a million when an Ian Stone free-kick was laid back to Bryant who, like Cole, cracked the ball first time and it roared into goal with Marshall getting his hand to the fierce shot only to part the ball into the roof of the net.

Redmond got another and his late substitute Don MacLaren completed Canberra's

scoring eight minutes from full-time.

For Canberra coach George Murray it was a day of back-slapping and jubilation — jubilation, however, tinged with caution, after looking at Brisbane Lions' poor pre-season record.

To lift the squad must be a nightmare for new Dutch import coach Simon Kistemaker.

Maybe he can take heart from the opinion of one ever-optimistic fan at post-game drinks: "Well, we've got a whole season to improve," he said.

Brisbane City bounces back from the gloom of '82

Brisb. City 2 Adel. City 0

Scorers: Tokesi 6th, Cairney 43rd.

Venue: Spencer Park.

Cautions: Dave Dods (Adel).

Referee: Dave Nugent 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Perry 8, Liddell 7, Tokesi 8, Wilkinson 8, Bohan 7, Pimblett 7, Williamson 7, Hughes 6, Glockner 6, Cairney 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 5, B. Nyshkohus 6, Banfield 7, Miller 6, Manoo 5, Mello 5, Dods 7, J. Nyshkohus 6, Carter 7, Maxwell 7, Villani 5 (Wright 62nd).

Brisbane City seems to have made a habit in the national league of following a bad year with a good one and on the form it showed in far from perfect conditions at Spencer Park last weekend, this season looks set to follow the pattern.

City had its best season ever in 1981, after struggling the previous year, and now, after being at the bottom of the table for the whole of 1982, Jim Hermiston has his lads playing with their heads and their hearts.

The Brisbane team was far too strong and well organised for the Adelaide City outfit and won 2-0. The margin could

have been much higher but for a lack of composure in front of goals by youngster Stephen Glockner. The 18 year old Australian youth team aspirant was brilliant in breaking through a slow and often square Adelaide City defence, but he wasted his hard work by muffling the easy part of just slotting the ball into the net.

The home team always was in control after five minutes thanks to a Peter Tokesi header. The big defender didn't cleanly hit the ball of Frank Pimblett's corner but a combination of good placement and slow reflexes from Adelaide City keeper McNally led to the goal.

McNally was very slow in picking up the flight of the ball and he appeared to half-jump in anticipation of a high ball when in fact it went into the net about knee-high.

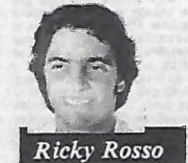
McNally was partly to blame for City's second goal, two minutes before half time. Bevan Bohan played a good cross ball to Billy Williamson who delicately chipped a pass over the Adelaide defence for Allan Hughes. Hughes chased the pass and hesitancy from McNally resulted in him fail-

ing to take possession. The former Lions and APIA player was able to win the ball in a scuffle and lay it back to Cairney, who neatly scooped it around the stranded McNally and into the net.

Adelaide City's best chances came in the first half and two of them involved youngster Steve Maxwell, who, in the first half looked youth team material. Unfortunately, however, he didn't get on the soresheet and drifted out of the game in the second session.

On two occasions in the first half casual efforts from the Brisbane City midfield, probably due to over-confidence, nearly resulted in the home side giving away goals. Firstly Pimblett chipped a pass back to keeper Wishart, when several easier balls were on, but the lob was too high and the ball bounced on top of the cross bar.

Shortly after, Bohan played a long back pass but the ball stuck in the heavy ground and young Maxwell seized upon it, rounded Wishart, but pushed the ball too wide to get in a shot. He instead cut a fine pass back to Charlie Villani but his



Ricky Rosso

shot was blocked as was Les Carr's attempt off the rebound.

The second half fell a little short of the first and apart from Glockner's misses early on there were few highlights.

But Brisbane City's overall fitness became very evident. While many of the Adelaide players began to slow as their legs tired in the heavy conditions the home team finished full of running.

The ever-cautious Hermiston obviously was delighted with his team's showing but after the game would not make any predictions for the season. But if he can maintain the present determined style in the Brisbane City side, one senses it will take something extra-ordinary to down his team this season, particularly at Spencer Park.

Ollerton hits at Bergers

Makedonia 0 Heidelberg 0

Ground: Connor Reserve.

Attendance: 4000 (estimated).

Referee: D. Voutsinas 6.

Cautions: McMillan, Petrovski, MacLeod.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6, Todonakis 6, Petrovski 5, Jones 7, Opatinas 6; Ollerton 6 (Livingstone 74th), Oztakov 8, McMillan 7; Lucchesi 6, Ward 5, G. Campbell 6.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, MacKie 6, MacLeod 6, Yankas 7, Tansley 6; Toro 5, Vincent 5 (Lee 86th), Spanos 7; Valentine 6, J. Campbell 6, Selemidis 6.

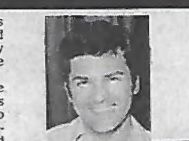
THE TACTICS: Makedonia adopted a tight-marking system with Con Opatinas sticking with Mike Valentine, Ljube Petrovski with Jim Campbell, and David Jones looking after Theo Selemidis. Opatinas blotted out Valentine until the late stages of the game. Jones beat Selemidis in most of the aerial duels while Petrovski resorted to late tackles to keep Campbell in line.

The result was few chances for Heidelberg and Richard Wilson was called on for only one really good save late in the second half.

Heidelberg made one change from the previous week, putting Campbell into the forward line to partner Selemidis. Campbell got the nod ahead of Derek Lea who warmed the bench for yet another week and only saw four minutes of action. Campbell has been training for two weeks after having the seven stitches removed from the gash he copped from Stuart Campbell in the Ampol Cup final. He had the shin well wrapped but one feared the worst at one stage when he rolled over holding the leg after copping the full blast of a late tackle from his marker on the shirt.

The main reason behind Heidelberg's recent good results has been the midfield. But that department finished second best on Sunday and the side really struggled to create any impression.

Robert Vincent was completely overshadowed by his direct opponent Zarko Oza-



Peter Desira

kov who had an excellent game. The only real winner was John Spanos who covered a lot of ground and was behind the side's best moves.

NEAR MISSES: Makedonia had the best chances but a combination of poor finishing and a brilliant save from Jeff Oliver kept their scoresheet blank.

Gary Ward had what looked like the simplest chance after George Campbell had done well with a run down the left and a cross to the far post for the unmarked striker. Ward connected but headed far too weakly and straight into Oliver's arms.

George McMillan met a Campbell corner much more firmly in the 63rd minute and his header was sailing into the top right hand corner until Oliver flung himself to tip the ball away for the save of the match.

Heidelberg on the other hand hit the post as early as the fifth minute but Valentine's shot rebounded back into play and was cleared.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Oztakov left a good impression in the middle of the park and will probably prove to be the best import Makedonia has made this season. The midfielder can almost make the ball talk with some inch perfect passes but he can also mix it in the physical clashes and emerged with the ball more often than not when he went in for tackles. Robert Vincent who had coped successfully with Johan Scharman, the previous week, was completely overshadowed in Sunday's duel and was eventually taken off near the end.

WHAT THE COACHES SAID: Peter Ollerton was pleased with the performance and wasn't too disappointed with the result although he felt his side deserved to win it. "We created more chances and with a bit of luck could have won it. It's always difficult in a local derby and most Makedonia v Heidelberg clashes have been low scoring affairs anyway. The game could have gone for another hour and I don't think either side would have scored. But the pleasing thing is that we are creating chances. I wasn't impressed by Heidelberg and sincerely believe this is the worst side they've had in the National League. They've got nothing up front. They've had good results so far but I firmly believe they got them only because they've been in Melbourne. Once they start to travel their weaknesses will really show up."

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Dull midfield duel

Newcastle 1 Wollongong 1

Ground: International Sports Centre.

Cautions: P. O'Connor (W).

3rd

Crowd: 2024.

Scorers: Cotton (W) 61st, Lowe (N) 85th.

Referee: Arthur Owens.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Gosling 7, Meier 7, Burke 7, Warson 8, H. Tredinnick 7, Drysdale 5, Mason 7, Senkaliski 6, Jones 5, (Cowburn).

Archer Adrian

Northampton Town central defender Adrian Burrows targeted for several First Division clubs has an unusual hobby. Adrian is an archer and has the right background coming from Sherwood Forest — Robin Hood country.

Bettega to US?

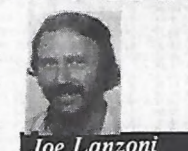
This could be the last season with Juventus for 32 year-old star Robert Bettega who is likely to try his luck in the North American Professional League. Probably with Cosmos.

Pepi dies

The former Bastia and French international midfielder Claude Pepi passed away at the untimely age of 34 after suffering a heart attack playing tennis. Pepi was Bastia's star when it reached the UEFA Cup Final in 1978.

'Boro bust?

Leeds United revealed that it lost \$3,108,642 last year while Malcolm McDonald's Fulham disclosed debts of \$2,132,000. Fulham's debts include a proportion from its rugby club which operates under the soccer banner. And Malcolm Allison has said that his club Middlesbrough could go bust unless it raises around \$600,000 in the next six weeks to pay the players' wages.



Joe Lanzoni

72nd Mountford 6, Lowe 6.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 7, Willis 7, Dunleavy 8, Viletska 7, Pollard 6, Gaffney 7, Fleming 8, Ainsworth 8, Kerr 6, Cotton 7, O'Connor 6 (Fontana 67th).

The game was dull mainly because both teams adopted the same tactics of packing the middle of the ground and both were guilty of failing to get support to the lonely two front runners, who buckled under the weight of numbers.

Wollongong however had the superiority in this untidy part of the ground and experienced campaigners Fleming, Ainsworth and Gaffney never allowed their Newcastle counterparts to dictate the trend of the game.

Newcastle trump card David Lowe suffered from lack of support, and on occasions could have been accused of failing to release the ball, preferring instead, to go it alone against a well organised

defence with the inevitable result.

But the young Youth Soccer showed all the class of a professional goal snatcher, when five minutes from the end he collected a loose ball on the edge of the penalty area and his left foot shot found the net to put Newcastle on level terms.

Wollongong looked set for a win after Roy Cotton had given them the lead with a remarkable goal in the 61st minute.

After a quiet first half Cotton broke the deadlock when he unbelievably beat four Newcastle defenders and the goalkeeper to slot the ball into an empty net.

Newcastle almost snatched victory right on full time when Howard Tredinnick first-timed a corner kick from Nigel Drysdale and Jimmy Preston pushed the ball onto the post.

Willie Wallace was reasonably pleased with his side's performance, but was quick to point out that having gone ahead Wollongong should have been doing enough to stay there till the end.

Newcastle had far too many players off their game to expect a better result.

However one player who deserved to be in a winning side was the latest arrival, Gary Watson, who completely nullified Soccerro striker Phil O'Connor.

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Stars desert Riverwood, Sutherland hits top

In the third round of the premiership on Sunday Melita Eagles will entertain at Melita Stadium their old foe Blacktown City. Recently Melita eliminated Blacktown from the Ampol Cup after two memorable drawn games, both having gone into extra time.

Blacktown has never managed to beat Melita in the State League. Last year the two sides met at the Gabbie and drew 1-1, with Melita having to play with nine players for most of the second period. The return bout at the Gabbie saw Melita the clear winner by 3-0.

The obvious conclusion is not "obvious" at all. History tends to repeat itself but in

this instance I feel that the Demons have as good a chance as their hosts.

Melita will have to rely on its star schemer, Ray Farugia and tall striker Don Allen to do well, while Blacktown is hoping to have Paul Kirwan back in attack. Last week against Manly, Kirwan was a surprise omission and sat the game out on the bench, with Barry Walker as his stand-in.

Kirwan had a lean time during the Ampol Cup and this may be the reason for his omission. At the same time, Raul Blanco, the Melita coach, has a problem to solve. His team is creating chances but not putting them away.

Avala v Manly

At Knight Park Avala will entertain Manly Warringah.

Avala has outlasted a lot of money in search of success. Housseini, Burrows and Krstic from Blacktown did not come cheaply and the tri-colours will have to justify their purchases with the appropriate results, otherwise further conflicts within the club's hierarchy might develop.

Manly on the other hand has a fairly settled side, with Sherman coming in for Stuart Reagan from last year's lineup.

Will Avala be too strong in front of its home crowd, or will Manly surprise yet again with its sparkling style of play?

Avala won at home 3-0 and drew 1-1 against Manly at Cromer Park last year but lost twice to Manly the year.

Croatia v Riverwood

Riverwood is still in second spot but the team is going through some poor times, with players abandoning ship in rapid succession. John Davies is trying to fit into a National League team, Barry Walker and John Stoddart are already at Blacktown, while Brian Parker would like to go back to Melita Eagles.

Andy Tracey, in his third decade as a soccer player, is at the helm of the side as captain-coach and is doing his utmost to keep the side intact

and playing well. So far he has succeeded. In fact he is doing so well that one can not write Riverwood off before the match against Croatia.

Last year Riverwood took three out of four points in its matches against Croatia, but with some players out of the side it will be a hard task indeed to come away from King Tomislav Park with one point, let alone two.

In other matches: **POLONIA** meets **BANKSTOWN** at Chopin Park, **YUGA** meets **INTER MONARO** at Fraser Park, **CANTERBURY** at Seymour Shaw Park, **SUTHERLAND** clashes with **KURINGAI** at Seymour Shaw Park.

AUBURN duels with **INTER MONARO** at Mona Park.

Sutherland tops

Last weekend in rain-interrupted second round of the NSW State League competition, Sutherland clinched its second win at the expense of depleted Riverwood to go to the top spot on four points.

Croatia and Melita, other first round winners who had an opportunity to challenge for the top, had their games cancelled due to waterlogged grounds or other reasons.

While Sutherland completed its second victory without conceding a single goal, and Inter Monaro managed to take a point from Avala at Queenbeyan, the other two fixtures were raining with goals.

Manly Warringah continued to jinx Blacktown Demons, beating them yet again in the State League, with 4 goals in the game coming in the space of 12 minutes towards the end of the match.

Cromer Park in fact was the only ground which was declared playable as early as 9 am and provided the best conditions for the "match of the round".

At Arlington Oval, Canterbury beat Polonia by the slenderest of margins, but its coach, John Xipellias was not at all happy with the scoreline. "We should have hammered them," said the Canterbury coach.

So Sutherland is the new leader while Croatia, Melita and even Kuringai must wait

Fixtures for Saturday and Sunday

SATURDAY

State League 1st Division
S.E.C. Yugals Vs Cent-M'ville Oly. TO BE ADVISED
Croatia Sydney Vs Riverwood KING TOMISLAV PARK

State League 2nd Division
Parramatta City Vs Dee Why GARSIDE PARK
Artamon Vs Belmore AR-TARMON RESERVE

SUNDAY

State League 1st Division
Polonia Vs Bankstown CHOPIN PARK
Sutherland Shire Vs Kuringai SEYMOUR SHAW PARK

till later date to complete their matches and get closer to the top.

Let's have a look at the results:

Sutherland - Riverwood

1-0 Graeme

Canterbury - Polonia 3-2,

Arnold 2, Theodorakopoulos

(C), Cieslik, Greshin (P)

Manly - Blacktown 3-2,

Van Helden, Doyle, Smith

(MW), Walker, McLaughlin

(B)

Inter Monaro - Avala 1-1

Vugul - Melita Eagles pp

Bankstown - Croatia pp

Kuringai - Auburn pp

Sutherland 1

Riverwood 0

Scorer: Nigel Groom 65'

SUTHERLAND: Haynes,

Cashman, Heaford, Scharfeger,

Dalrno, Westhins, Harrington,

Webster, Knowles, Groom, C. Rogers.

RIVERWOOD: Gishbourne, Mikas,

Forester, Costes, Smith, Juchowicz,

Butcher, Tracey, Parker, Jones, Rydstrom.

"It pelted down for 30 minutes and it rained for the rest of the game," said one of the drenched officials after the game which Sutherland won against Riverwood.

Seymour Shaw Park appeared to be in fairly good condition as the third graders played their allotted time. Then after some 10 minutes of the second grade game the skies opened up and the ground became heavier.

By the time the first graders ran on to the park, the conditions were pretty heavy and to control the ball with any amount of skill would have been a tall order. One moment the ball would skid, then stop

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Auburn Vs Inter Monaro

MONA PARK

Avala Vs Manly Warringah

KNIGHT PARK

Melita Eagles Vs Blacktown

CITY MELITA STADIUM

State League 2nd Division

Blacktown United Vs Fairy

Meadow FRANCIS PARK

Penrith United Vs Revesby

Workers COOK PARK

Unl. of N.S.W. Vs Gladsville

Ravens LITTLE BAY

OVAL

Wollongong United Vs Warringah

N'bean BERKELEY

SPORTS GRD

North Blacktown Vs Rockdale

POTTS PARK

the next with an unusually high

bounce surprising a player or

two every now and then.

Despite the conditions, Riverwood and Sutherland put on

a fair show, with Sutherland a

little better, getting home by

one goal.

Craig Rogers' burst of speed

on the left flank in the 65th

minute caused some panic in

the Riverwood defence and

Paul Mikas had to dive and

concede a corner. From the

kick, taken by Rogers, it was

Aaron Scharfeger who flicked

it to Nigel Groom who wasted

no time in blasting it past

Gishbourne from close range.

Both defences had a hard

time and the score could have

been 3-2 or 5-4 had the chances

which came both ways been

converted. Sutherland found

the woodwork in its way, while

Andy Tracey brought off a

superb save from Mal Haynes

with a great curler from just

outside the penalty area.

Haynes was on the spot to

deny Brian Parker in the

second half with a reflex save,

after Terry Jones had man-

aged to put in a cross very

close to the near post.

Manly 3

Blacktown 2

Scorer: 11' van Helden, 82'

Doyle, 87' T. Smith (Manly) 77'

Walker, 89' McLaughlin (B)

Cromer Park.

MANLY: Ellis, Geoghean (Russell

74'), Doyle, K. Falconer, Scott, van

Helden, Sherman, Jones, (Noble

87'), Stuart, P. Falconer, T. Smith.

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Wheatley,

Rasmussen, Brogan, Pointer,

Salvage, Duemby, Stoddart, Walker,

Larkin, McLaughlin.

Manly and Blacktown fought

a tremendous battle at Cromer

Park with the home side emerging victorious by the narrowest of margins. Despite the slippery conditions and continuous rainfall the ground held up well to allow both sides to produce some entertaining football and five goals.

The home side had a slight edge during the first half scoring through van Helden in the 11th minute, then rattling the crossbar with an effort by Terry Smith.

Blacktown took to its task with more urgency after half time and had the upper hand for long periods but failed to score until the 77th minute.

Blacktown players fought with vigor to get into scoring position and with Manly's defence in disarray, Bary Walker was on the mark to receive the ball wide and unmarked before blasting it past Ellis.

Manly's keeper was injured as he came out to meet Walker but continued in goal till the end.

Only five minutes later Manly was ahead again. Cliff Pointer blocked Sherman unfairly and a free was awarded to Manly. Peter Falconer took the kick but Blacktown managed to clear, this time only to the feet of Andy Scott who crossed into the area for Doyle to side-foot it into the net.

There were cries of "We wuz robbed, but Rampley was adamant and the goal stood.

With three minutes to go, following a corner kick, Robbie Stuart smashed his right footer across the area and Terry Smith put his foot to the ball to guide it into the net.

Blacktown did not give in and continued to fight, with the young Soccerco McLaughlin scoring from a breakaway to make it 5-2 on the stroke of full time.

Burden to Claremont

Tasmanian club Metro Claremont has scored a major coup with the signing of former Launceston Juventus goalkeeper, Martin Burden.

Burden travelled to Launceston, a round trip of over 4000 kilometres, every weekend last season to play for the Launceston club. His travelling will be cut down to a minimum now and Metro should gain a lot of mileage with his presence between the posts. A member of the State squad, Burden should really tighten the Metro defence and enhance the club's league prospects.

John Charlton of Juventus-Pioneer was ecstatic when he heard of Sheffield Wednesday's 5-0 thrashing of Burnley in the FA Cup quarter final replay. Charlton's father is none other than the famous Jack Charlton, former England and Leeds United star and present manager of Sheffield Wednesday.

John transferred recently from Rapid-Wrest Point.

Should Wednesday reach Wembley, Charlton will travel to England to be with his father on the great day.

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Focus on the men of mighty APIA

APIA Leichhardt is a definite contender for a top four finish in the national league. No doubt many of APIA's staunch fans are casting envious eyes on the club's achievements and with previous winners Werber, Vekel, John Schlemmer, Arno Berthgen and Bernd Marshall in the line-up APIA's squad has the quality to take a serious shot at the title.

The name APIA is synonymous with success in NSW soccer. Formed in 1904, the leading sponsored club has captured many honours. The most notable of these were the NSW State League Championships in 1964, 1966, 1967 and 1974; NSW Federation Cup Winner in 1967, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975; NSW Grand Final Winner in 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 and 1975; State Cup Winner in 1976; Ampol Cup Winner in 1964, 1970, 1974 and 1975; and Australia Cup Winner in 1964, 1970, 1974 and 1975. APIA merged with Western Suburbs and entered the PSL in 1979, finishing eighth in its first two

seasons. It finished fourth in 1981, seventh last year but finished the season on a high note, coming from behind to beat Heidelberg United 2-1 in the Phillip Cup final at Olympic Park in Melbourne.

Under the guidance of coach Phil Botchello, a former star player at APIA, the Lambert Park outfit is confident of success in 1983.

APIA Leichhardt's 1983 squad, pictured below. Back row: Paul Carter, Walter Vekel, Greg Woodhouse, Arno Berthgen, Mark Sturm, Bernd Marshall. Front row: Peter Treumann, John Schlemmer, John Schlemmer, Eddie Zaccarelli, Frank Casanova, Robert de Coghli, Michael, Tony Moreau, Mark Pether, Ken Bostelme.

APIA's remaining home games this season:

- v Brisbane City, Sunday, April 3
- v Adelaide City, Sunday, April 17
- v Preston Makedonia, Sunday, April 24
- v South Melbourne Hellas, Sunday, May 8
- v Brisbane Lions, Sunday, May 22
- v Sydney Olympic, Sunday, June 5 or 12
- v Newcastle, Sunday, June 26
- v Wollongong, Sunday, July 3
- v West Adelaide, Sunday, July 17
- v Sydney City, Sunday, August 7
- v Marconi, Sunday, September 4
- v Footscray U.S.T., Sunday, September 18
- v Heidelberg, Sunday, October 9



APIA's remaining away games this season:

- v Wollongong, Sunday, March 27
- v Newcastle, Sunday, April 10
- v Sydney City, Sunday, May 1
- v Sydney City, Sunday, May 15
- v Marconi, Sunday, May 29
- v Footscray U.S.T., Sunday, June 19
- v Brisbane City, Sunday, July 10
- v Adelaide City, Sunday, July 24
- v Preston Makedonia, Sunday, July 31
- v South Melbourne Hellas, Sunday, August 14
- v Brisbane Lions, Sunday, August 28
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- v Canberra, Sunday, September 25
- v St George, Sunday, October 2

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NOW THE BIG ONE: AJAX VS CROATIA

State League championship contenders, Green Gully Ajax and Melbourne Croatia clash at Green Gully Reserve at 3 pm on Sunday in one of the most important fixtures of the season.

Croatia has shown interest in signing striker Jamie Paton from Heidelberg United. With another prospective new signing, Richie McClellan from Morwell Falcons, injured and Dave Brogan suspended after being sent off last weekend, Croatia may decide to again discuss a possible Paton deal with Heidelberg. It is believed that Heidelberg's first asking price for Paton of \$12,000 proved prohibitive.

I'll stick out my neck and tip Ajax to win what should be a thrilling affair. Even though Tommy Cumming's comeback to date has been highly successful, Croatia seems troubled up front.

Box Hill still was negotiating with dissident striker Scott Patterson as we went to press and was hopeful that Scottish striker Alan McKenna would arrive in time for Sunday's Wembley Park clash with South Melbourne Hellas.

I'm tipping a draw here. A feature of this game will be the physical battle between ageless Box Hill stopper Don Brownlie and Hellas striker Tom Patsakos.

Northcote, as predicted, earned a point against Hellas last weekend. It can go one better and defeat Doveton at John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

The Northerners are far stronger in midfield that last season with Steve Moore and Colin Quigley joining Sammy Wright. Doveton player-coach Ernie Merrick must see problems for his team in this department as he played himself in midfield last weekend.

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rather than in his customary defensive role.

Morwell Falcons should defeat Cedo Cirkovic's Falkner at North Crinigan Reserve on Sunday. With sweeper Les Gooney injured and unavailable it's hard to see Falkner's defenders keeping Noel Mitten and Bobby McGuinness at bay. Falcons started the season with a fine win at Croydon Park and their claim to a top four spot will be further enhanced at Falkner's expense.

Juventus and Croydon clash at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday. Both sides are top four contenders. Although Juventus kicked its league campaign off on a winning note while Croydon lost, there's little to choose between these well drilled, efficient sides and a draw looks the best bet.

Ringwood Wilhelmina and Polonia meet at Jubilee Park on Sunday in something of a homecoming for Polonia coach Mike Lynn, who was a top striker with Wilhelmina from 1970 to 1977. However, Lynn will be hoping for a win against his old outfit and after last weekend's draw with champion Ajax he must be confident of success here.

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Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

This weekend's matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
Albion V Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Selwyn Park, 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY
AJAX V Croatia at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.
Wilhelmina V Polonia at Jubilee Park, 3 pm.

NORTHCOTE V Doveton at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.
Box Hill V Hellas (draw) at Wembley Park, 3 pm.

FALCONS V Falkner at North Crinigan Reserve, 3 pm.
Juventus V Croydon (draw) at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.

STATE LEAGUE	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROATIA	1	0	0	3	0	2
JUVENTUS	1	0	0	2	0	2
MORW. F.	1	0	0	2	1	2
BOX HILL	1	0	2	1	2	1
NORTHCOTE	0	1	2	2	1	1
Hellas	0	1	2	2	1	1
Wilhelmina	0	1	2	2	1	1
Doveton	0	1	2	2	1	1
Polonia	0	1	1	1	1	1
Apn.	0	1	1	1	1	1
Falkner	0	0	1	2	0	0
Croydon	0	0	1	2	0	0
San-Gs. C.	0	0	1	2	0	0
Albion R.	0	0	1	0	3	0

Ajax 'lacked imagination' against Polonia defence

POLONIA 1 (Denys o.g. 35th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Toal 10th) at Raleigh Reserve.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 7 - Mito 7 - Liparski 8, A. Czapiak 9, McCuskey 8, Smolenski 8, Latic 8, P. Czapiak 8, G. Petrov 8 (G. Czapiak 8th), Marshall 6, Prybyla 6. Coach: Mike Lynn.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 6 - Peter Lewis 6, Cannell 6, Short 7, Hogben 7 - Vessallo 7, Boyle 9 (Graham 7th), Smallman 6, Williams 7 - Toal 7, Paul Lewis 8. Coach: Lou McClelland.

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Albion Rovers 0 Melbourne Croatia 3 (Curcio 25th, Parton 44th, Cumming 75th) at Selwyn Park.

ALBION ROVERS: Laccoc 7 - Galea 6, Hennessey 7, F. MacLeod 8, Ralby 6 (Ogden H.T. 8) - Coyle 7, Faurie 6 (Spill 7th), Murphy 7, Williams 6, Dickson 6, Smart 7. Coach: Hugh Murray.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 7, Adams 7, Parton 7, Blasby 6 - Faulkner 7, Blakie 8, Antonicic 6 - Cumming 8, Brogan 7 (sent off 69th), Gajovic 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

Dave Brogan sent off, Tommy Cumming continues a successful comeback, George Hannah signed by Croatia from South Melbourne Hellas and Albion striker Peter Dickson still out of form.

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Northcote's new Irish defender Mark Wilson (left) from Crusaders, pursues Tony Kaiser of Hellas in the 2-2 draw at Middle Park.

Moore levels twice

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Kalambokis 61st, 83rd) NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Constantinou 11th, Moore penalty 87th) at Middle Park.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Parris 7, Postoglou 6, Kalamitakis 6, Kallitidis 8, Vardoulis 8, van Egmond 6, Basiniovski 6, Kaiser 6, Patsakos 4 (Witons N.T.), Abraham 6, Kalambokis 7. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

NORTHCOTE CITY: Giannopoulos 6, Wilson 6, Brown 7, Bozila 6, Cranny 6, Katsakidis 6 (Wright H.T.), Sahinidis 5, Moore 7, Constantinou 5, Collins 4, Quigley 6. Coach: Tony Vaz.

Hellas's Jim Armstrong was critical of referee Jim Dale's decision three minutes from time to award Northcote a penalty, while Tony Vrzina was bitterly annoyed that his team had relaxed after taking an early lead.

After a bright opening by Hellas, with Northcote's revamped defence looking all at sea, the visitors took the lead in the 11th minute when the diminutive Peter Constantinou bravely dived in to head Colin Quigley's good cross past a startled Mark Perrie.

Jim Kalambokis levelled for Hellas 16 minutes into the second half, with Northcote still dreaming of an unexpected victory, but from then until the final 10 minutes Northcote squandered chance after chance, with Constantinou the chief culprit.

When Kalambokis got his second goal seven minutes from time, it seemed that Northcote had fiddled away both points, but then came that penalty.

A cross from the right wing struck Peter Vardoulis on the head as he raced back to clear, and referee Dale pointed without hesitation to the penalty, despite Hellas's heated protests.

Steve Moore banged the ball into the bottom left corner, although Perrie got a hand to the ball, only to see the referee order the kick to be taken again as a Northcote player had encroached into the box.

Undeterred, Moore coolly shot into the top right-hand corner this time, and Northcote had salvaged a point.

— LES SHORROCK

Whiteside makes sure of victory

CROYDON 1 (Wade 87th) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (T. van Baar 42nd, MacLean 83rd) at Croydon Park.

CROYDON: Kastner 6 - Ralby 7, MacCombe 7, Dobson 6, Holson 7 - Brown 6, Rooney 6, Wade 6, P. Loughane 7, Steve Irvine 6, Lia 6 (L. Loughane 6th). Coach: Bill McArthur.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 8 - Darby 7, Higham 6, Sandy Irvine 7, Train 6 - T. van Baar 7, Young 7, MacLean 6, Plummer 6, Mitten 7, McGuinness 6. Coach: Tony Boggy.

Croydon's inability to break down defensive formations in the tight confines of Croydon Park could pose the home side problems this year.

Falcons struck first, just three minutes before half time. Mitten and McGuinness quickly interchanged possession. McGuinness sent Tony van Baar clear on the right and the tall, blond headed midfielder slammed a right footed, dipping shot past Lou Kastner and into the far corner of goal.

The second half belonged to Croydon however, with the home side intent on getting players forward, Falcons increasingly threatened to strike on the break and wrap up the match. Another superb Whiteside save in the 58th minute kept Croydon at bay. Ironically, it was a poor throw out from Whiteside which started the move. Peter Loughane's near post cross was glanced on by the head of Steve Irvine to Rene Lia but Whiteside smothered brilliantly.

Morwell finally made good its threat to wrap this exciting clash up after a delightful interpassing move in the 83rd minute involving the right MacLean, Jim Train and Mitten and ending with midfielder MacLean drilling home a low shot from the edge of the Croydon area.

With three minutes left Peter Loughane knocked in a free kick from the right. Paul Wade headed past Whiteside. A minute later Jimmy Rooney beat Train van Baar

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Croydon V Morwell Falcons: 3 - MacLean (MF); 2 - Rooney (C); 1 - Train (MF).

Falkner V Box Hill: 3 - McKinlay (BH); 2 - Tuffield (F); 1 - Miranda (BH).

Sunshine-George Cross V Juventus: 3 - Richardson (SGC); 2 - Zini (J); 1 - Bennett (SGC).

Polonia V Green Gully Ajax: 3 - A. Czapiak (P); 2 - Boyle (GA); 1 - P. Czapiak (P).

Albion Rovers V Melbourne Croatia: 3 - Cumming (MC); 2 - Bliskic (MC); 1 - F. MacLeod (AR).

Doveton V Ringwood Wilhelmina: 3 - Brooks (RW); 2 - McIvor (D); 1 - Stewart (RW).

South Melbourne Hellas V Northcote: 3 - Bozakis (N); 2 - Kallitidis (SMH); 1 - Wilson (N).

Pasman to Rovers?

DOVETON 2 (Thurlow 30th, Brabbin 75th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Stewart 54th, 81st) at Waratah Reserve.

DOVETON: Keogh 7 - Thurlow 6, Hulski 7 (Inj. Brabbin 70th), Corks 7, Miller 6 - McIvor 8, Merrick 6, Dowrie 7 - V. van Baar 7, Young 7, MacLean 6, Plummer 6, Mitten 7, McGuinness 6. Coach: Ernie Merrick.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Jensen 6 - Kevin Adams 6 (Gibson H.T. 7), Brooks 6, Pene 7, Vemars 7 - van Leuven 6 (Bakker 70th), Train 7, Rooney 7 - White 6, Cork 6 (Inj. off 50th), Stewart 6. Coach: Mike de Bruyckere.

Don Pasman's unavailability for Ringwood Wilhelmina heightened rumors that the capable defender could switch to Albion Rovers. Wilhelmina was pleased with this draw away from home. Justifiably so. The

thumped 7-0 in the corresponding fixture last year! In that match Doveton striker Ian Sturton went on a goal rampage but he was well held on Sunday by Wilhelmina defender David Brooks.

The Doves led 1-0 at half time thanks to right back Peter Thurlow who headed in from a corner kick in the 30th minute.

Wilhelmina levelled in the 54th minute. Former Kew City winger Craig White made a fine run down the right, beat a defender then crossed to the back for the incoming Ken Stewart to head firmly past Sean Keogh.

The Doves restored their



Dave Brogan

well Falcons, allowing Gray to take up Albion's remaining visa vacancy.

Albion was stunned to find Croatia right back Tony Curcio breaking through on the left wing in the 25th minute. The former Juventus defender rounded goalkeeper Danny Laccoc and stroked the ball into the unguarded goal.

Just on the stroke of half time Gerry Reilly fouled Cumming. The Croatia winger took the resultant free kick and found Sean Parton who headed firmly in to make it 2-0.

Albion striker Kenny Smart almost reduced the deficit in the 55th minute with a good, low shot but Croatia goalie Peter Blasby spread himself well. A few minutes later Smart thumped the ball into the back of team mate Keiron Coyle from a good shooting position.

Five minutes after Brogan's exit, Albion's attempted offside trap failed, little Cumming scooted clear, rounded Laccoc and made it 3-0. Albion's best, Frank MacLeod, hotly disputed the linesman's decision not to flag Cumming offside and was booked.

Maitland available

Northcote defender Norm Maitland is available on a free transfer.

Maitland played for 10 seasons with George Cross before joining Northcote last year and, as at George Cross, proving to be a reliable and extremely capable stopper.

The talented defender can be contacted at work on 615 1510 or at home on 700 2283.

Altheim to Broadway

Kellor-Austria has loaned Gerry Altheim to Industrial League club Altona Broadway as player-coach.

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Mighty McKinlay!

FAWKNER 1 (J. Sannipoli 57th) BOX HILL 2 (Verechia 32nd, Taylor 73rd) at Jukes Road.

FAWKNER: Tordis 6 - Curcio 6 (Inj. Palmieri 15th), Fattori 7, C. Petrov 8, B. Mainetti 8, C. Sabidussi 8 - Palmieri 7, Tuffield 9, Kojic 9 (J. Sannipoli H.T. 8). Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 10 - L. Roodhouse 7, Lawler 7, Brownell 7, K. Patterson 7 - Taylor 7, Verechia 8, Ramos 7 - Taylor 7, Verechia 8, Ramos 7 (Inj. A. Roodhouse 8th). Coach: Bill Murray.

A stunning goalkeeping display from John McKinlay and a 73rd minute goal from veteran striker Ray Taylor gave the Hillmen an unexpected win at Jukes Road over home side and fellow State League newcomer Fawkner.

Fawkner started well with central striker Ian Tuffield the focal point of its attack. Tuffield clearly was Fawkner's best player and always threatened Box Hill, especially in the air. Joe Palmieri, who came inside the area a few times but McKinlay, in superb touch, pulled off at least four incredible saves to keep the Italian sponsored Fawkner at bay.

Fawkner lost sweeper Les Gooney after just 12 minutes. The former Eltham star damaged ligaments in his knee and was treated on the sideline but failed to recover. His place was taken by Robert Palmieri.

The Hillmen struck first through Peter Verechia. Taylor did well to pull down the ball and shoot. Rob Terzini pulled off a marvellous save when the ball seemed to have gone past him. However, the Fawkner goalie was helpless as the incoming Verechia scrambled the ball over the line.

The home side levelled in the 57th minute from a fierce free kick which was hammered past helpless McKinlay by half time substitute John Sannipoli. Milan Kojic's replacement.

Fawkner was on top and looked certain to nab the winner until Taylor struck with just 17 minutes remaining. Verechia beat Chris Petrov and cut the ball back. Terzini couldn't handle cleanly under pressure and Taylor tucked away the loose ball from close range.

TOMMY TRAINER ON THE WAY

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 JUVENUS 2 (Zini 24th, French 69th) at Chaplin Reserve.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Control 5 - Bennett 7, Love 7, Richardson 8, McKelvey 8 - Marshall 5, Bain 6, Campbell 6 - Taylor 5, Pata 5 (McNally 58th), Kovacki 5 (McKercher 54th 51). Caretaker: Coach: Ian Petherick.

JUVENUS: Clayton 7 - V. Bennett 7, P. Bennett 7, Drinacovic 7, Bird 7, Nelson 7 (G. Bennett 6th), Rogers 7, Swincoe 7 (Injury 60th) - Zini 8, French 7, Lloyd 7, Coach: John Hager.

Former Scottish winger Tommy Trainer, 39, is expected to arrive any day to take over as coach of Sunshine-George Cross which parted company with Tony Vella last week.

Ian Petherick is caretaker coach until Trainer arrives. The Scottish coach played with Hearts and Falkirk and coached at Cowdenbeath. He was highly recommended by former George Cross players.

Adelaide City v. Azzurri

SA Ampol Cup with MENO TOUTSIDIS

Adelaide City will tonight (Wednesday) attempt to clinch a record 10th Ampol Cup against Azzurri at Hindmarsh Stadium.

A victory tonight will give it one more triumph than West Adelaide which won the Cup last year but was bundled out of this year's competition by Azzurri in a 1-2 loss.

In the other semi-final Adelaide City needed extra time to eliminate Polonia 3-1.

Despite Azzurri's win, I have no doubt at all that Adelaide City will down its Italian rival.

Azzurri will have great difficulty in stopping City's brilliant wing-striker Steve Maxwell who scored twice against Polonia to add to the two goals he clinched against Canberra the previous Sunday.

And if Azzurri do curb him, there is plenty of fire power left.

Charley Villani, Les Carter and Sergio Mella each have found the net in the Cup.

Socceroo coach Les Scheffling will attend the game primarily to check out the form of young Socceroo hopefuls David Miller (the Azzurri goalkeeper) and Maxwell.

Meanwhile, Polonia can count itself desperately unlucky not to have qualified for the Ampol Cup Final.

It led 1-0 at the end of the regulation 90 minutes and is not added in the Cup, referee Don Campbell added an additional few seconds (apparently for

SELECTIONS

This weekend's games with likely winners in capital letters.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Moreland v Altona City (draw); RICHMOND v Knox City (draw); Werrington v Frankston PINES v Frankston City

Sunday: Western Suburbs v Knox City (draw); MELBOURNE v Bell Park; Altona Gate v Broadmeadows (draw)

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Prahran Slavia; SPRINGVALE CITY v Kellor Austria; NORTH Dandenong v Footscray U.S.T.; ARDEER v Nunawading City; ST ALBAN'S DINAMO v Dandenong City; WAVERLEY CITY v Heidelberg; WEST HONOLAND v Ringwood United Series

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Mornington v Prahran City (draw); Port Melbourne v HEIDELBERG BUNDOCK; SANDRIMHAM v Yallourn; SOUTH MELB MORDIALLOC v Brighton; SUNBURY UNITED v Coburg; Caulfield City v South Oakleigh

Sunday: ROYAL RICHMOND v Eltham

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Corio v HAMLYN RANGERS; MOORABBIN CITY v Keynet; Dandenong v Gully v Hawthorn; Moorabark v Karingal United (draw); ROSBANA v Greensborough; ROSEDALE v NORTH GEELEONG; GEELEONG v Essendon Tristina

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: East Brunswick v Lalor United (draw); Monash United v Melton (draw); SHEPPARTON v Clifton Hill; Langwarrin v Clayton (draw); HAWKSBURN v Chelsea; YARRAVILLE v Bulleen; BALLARAT v Carlton

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: WEST BRUNSWICK v Keynet; MORDIALLOC CLARINDA v Cranbourne; MALVERN CITY v Boronia; Regent v Nunawading United (draw); SOUTH DANDENONG v Bulwark City; South Yarra v HOLLAND PARK; CENTRAL CITY v Abbotsford Tasse

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: DALLASTON v Altona United; PASCOE VALE v Cheltenham; West Melbourne v Moe United (draw); Mitham v CLARINDA KOYONG; SPRINGVALE v Bayswater; HAMPTON WANDERERS v Brunswick City; WEST GEELEONG v Uni of Melbourne

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: MOSSFIEL RANGERS v Monbulk; NTH SUNSHINE v Murrumbidgee; PARKMORE v Macleod United; Port United v GEELEONG UNITED; SEAFORD UNITED v Dandenong; BATMAN LAZIO v Dingley (draw)

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sunday: EPPING THISTLE v Endeavour Hills; Melbourne United v POSTLE INSTITUTE; Hosa United v CHADSTONE; Vermont v MACCABI HAKOAH; WESTALL v Ascot; Nth Melbourne v Bundoora; Nth Melbourne v Balclutha v BALWYN CITY

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: Phillip United v Southern Cross (draw); RMIT v Latrobe Uni; St Bernards v MULGRAVE; WAVERLEY UNITED v Meadowdale; Ascot Vale City v SOUTH PARKMORE; WEST UNITED v Concorde; Baxter v GEELEONG SOUTH SPRINGVALE

Armstrong Cup draw

The draw for the preliminary round of the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup, to be played on Monday, April 4 is:

Caulfield City v North Dandenong; South Oakleigh; Keyborough; St Albans v Bell Park; South Melbourne HELLAS v Karingal United; Richmond v Knox City; Hamlyn Rangers v Ardeer; Albion Rovers v Coburg; Moreland v Juventus; Heidelberg United v Doveton; Maribyrnong Panthers v Farnborough; Ringwood Whitehawk v Prahran; Waverley City v Broadmeadows City; Sandringham City v Northcote City; Western Suburbs v Kallor; Altona City v Royal Richmond; Melbourne v Sunbury; Northcote City v Western Suburbs; Brighton v Epping; Box Hill v Mornington; Moorabark v Moorabbin; Colosseum v Ringwood United; Altona Gate v Werribee.

BYES: Fawkner, Thomastown, Preston, Croydon, Sunshine-George Cross, Heidelberg Bundoora.

Ardeer thumps Richmond, record at Diamond Valley?

Diamond Valley player Gordon Reid may have scored the quickest goal ever in the history of Australian soccer. Certainly, his goal, in the reserve game against Batman Lazio on Saturday, was the first goal of the season in the Victorian leagues, coming after just six seconds!

The referee blew his whistle to start the game, Andrew Strling pushed the ball forward and Reid's shot from the half way line bounced over the head of Batman's goalkeeper and into goal.

met met a free kick from the right and headed firmly.

Rovers went further ahead in the second half when Keith Humble's shot-cum-job sailed over the head of the Richmond keeper.

Richmond hit back in the 67th minute when Dragan Vasic bounced on a bad defensive blunder and scored to make it 2-1. Serge Beredini challenged for a Chris Middlemost cross from the left wing in the 57th minute, the ball fell for Rob Forsyth who slammed it in to restore Rovers two goal cushion.

Beredini topped off a great afternoon with a superb solo effort in the 85th minute and Rovers ran out convincing 4-1 winners.

KNOX CITY 2 (Housie 35th, Smith 53rd) FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Egan Lee Reserve.

KNOX: McKurt, Dixon, Schroeder, Blagoder, Roddis, Smith, Fitzpatrick, House, Leach, Crompton.

PINES: Ivanoff, Wilson, Beach, Livingston, Pauling, Cooke, McNall, Knox, O'Halloran, Wall, Miller.

BEST: Knox - Schroeder, Smith, House.

Knox, fielding a back line of 19 year olds, more than justified the club's policy of giving youth a go. Apart from a shot pushed on to the post by McKurt, Knox comfortably held Pines. Knox forwards repeatedly created havoc and a scoreline of 6-0 would not be unjustified.

George House was lively and a superb move involving Fitzpatrick and Smith ended with an unstoppable shot from House. Time and again House weaved through and after having a clear shot of the line, he crossed to give Smith his second half goal.

DIVISION TWO ARDEER 1, NORTH DANDENONG 3 (D. Nelson 2, Fox at Ardeer's ground.

ALL THE RESULTS

Division Four: Nth Geelong v Geelong 1-4 1-4; Essendon City v Rosarno 1-0 1-0; Geelong v Mooroolbark played at Mooroolbark 3-4 4-0; Karingal v Ferresque United at FTG ground 0-0 1-4; Jewell v Mooroolbark 1-1 1-1; Keyborough v Corio 0-3 1-0; Hamlyn Rangers v Rosboud 0-3 2-1.

Provisional League: Division One: Bullen v Ballarat 4-2 3-1; Carlton v Hawthorn 1-4 3-1; Heidelberg v Langwarrin v Vermont ground 1-0 1-1; Clayton v Shepparton at Shepparton ground 2-1 2-3; Clifton Hill v Monash 1-1 2-1; Maiton v East Brunswick 1-2 0-0; Lalor United v Yarraville 3-1 3-1.

Division Two: Holland Park v Central City 1-1 2-0; Abbotsford v Nth Dandenong 0-0 1-2; Berwick City v Ringwood 1-1; Nunawading 1-1 v Maiton City at Maiton City 0-4 2-1; Boronia v Mordialloc 1-2 1-2; Dandenong v West 1-1 3-3; Cranbourne v West

The Victorian Leagues

ARDEER: G. Dorch 8, X. Havas 7, P. Boudnicki 8, H. Czarniecki 8, M. Olinowski 8, J. Dykun (Injured) 8, A. Chrasninski 8, P. Wisniewski 8 injured sub G. Jarecki 4, C. Gorkic 8, R. Sakulski 7, F. Tuszinski 8, J. Coullis 6.

NORTH: D. Basmich 7, P. Papadopoulos 7, T. Cortes 7, D. Walmsley 7, A. Taylor 7, N. Collyer 7, J. Dymond 7, R. Nelson 7, A. Fox 7, I. Mackie 8, D. Nelson 9.

Ardeer broke the deadlock when a shot from the edge of the 18-yard box was effected and deceived North goalkeeper David Beamish, who managed to get a hand to the ball but Ardeer's centre-forward put the rebound into the net.

With five minutes remaining in the first half North had a golden opportunity to level when midfielder Neil Collyer was brought down in the penalty box. Captain/coach Rob Nelson took the resultant kick, however, a powerful shot was miraculously saved by the Ardeer goalkeeper.

Ardeer's goalmouth was under siege continually in the second half and it came as no surprise when David Nelson equalised for the visitors following a goalmouth scramble.

Nelson repeated the dose five minutes later with a spectacular goal. A throw-in by Collyer was knocked on by Ian Mackie into the path of Nelson, who from 20 metres, rocketed an unstoppable volley past the diving Ardeer goalkeeper.

Alec Fox capped off a good game when he scored with 10 minutes remaining to put the points beyond doubt.

DIVISION THREE ELTHAM 1 (Lewis penalty 59th) SANDRINGHAM 4 (Plumb 8th, Deeming 12th, Mackey 36th, Quin 45th) at North Eltham Reserve.

ELTHAM: Caray 4 - Coubey 6, Herman 8, Clark 5 (Kilpatrick 8th), Alderson 5 - Kanna 6, Lavie 6 (sent off 88th), P. Cirka 6 - Kavanagh 7, Raynes 5, Lister 5 (Nadac 6th) Coach: David Garthwaite.

SANDRINGHAM: Karac 7 (Inj. Harburn 88th) - Donovan 7, Greenwood 8, Plumb 7, Dillon 8 - Bulck 7, Mackey 7, Deeming 6 - Karpathakis 6, Walker 8, Quin 6. Coach: Steve Walker.

Eltham only has signed two new players this season and, Brunswick 2-2-2; Kymerton v 8th Year 2-3-1.

Division Three: Brunswick City v West Geelong 2-3-4-3; Uni of Mait v Springvale Uni 1-4-1-3; Burnley v Maiton 1-0-0-0; Clarendon v Koro Rangers v West Melbourne 3-16-1; Mos Unit v Pascoe Vale 1-1 1-1; Chesham v Dandenong City 4-3 4-2; Altona Uni v Hampton Wanderers 5-0-1-0.

Division Four: Diamond Valley v Batman 2-1-1; Dingley v Seaford 0-3-1-4; East Carlton v Port United 0-2-0-2; Geelong Uni v Parkmore 2-2-2; Macleod Uni v Nth Bundoora 2-3-2-3; Murrumbidgee v Mossfield Rangers 1-0-3-1; Monbulk v Lyndale Uni 1-1-2-2.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Division One: Ascot Uni v Balclutha 8-2-0-1; Balwyn City v Westall 0-4 1-1; Bundoora v Vermont 0-0 4-4; Maccabi v Hosa Uni Seniors not available 3-2; Chesham v Melbourne Uni 0-2 2-1; Endeavour Hills v Nth Melbourne 4-0-0.

Division Two: Concorde v Baxter 3-0 1-0; K'Yong 5th v Vale v Ascot Vale City 0-0 0-1; 8th Parkmore v Waverley Uni 3-3 2-0; Meadowdale v Maiton 5-1 0-1; Latrobe Uni v Phillip Uni 4-3 2-0; Southern Cross v West Uni 2-1 W/O to West.

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Division Nine: Ascot Uni v Balclutha 8-2-0-1; Balwyn City v Westall 0-4 1-1; Bundoora v Vermont 0-0 4-4; Maccabi v Hosa Uni Seniors not available 3-2; Chesham v Melbourne Uni 0-2 2-1; Endeavour Hills v Nth Melbourne 4-0-0.

Division Ten: Ascot Uni v Balclutha 8-2-0-1; Balwyn City v Westall 0-4 1-1; Bundoora v Vermont 0-0 4-4; Maccabi v Hosa Uni Seniors not available 3-2; Chesham v Melbourne Uni 0-2 2-1; Endeavour Hills v Nth Melbourne 4-0-0.

Division Eleven: Ascot Uni v Balclutha 8-2-0-1; Balwyn City v Westall 0-4 1-1; Bundoora v Vermont 0-0 4-4; Maccabi v Hosa Uni Seniors not available 3-2; Chesham v Melbourne Uni 0-2 2-1; Endeavour Hills v Nth Melbourne 4-0-0.

Division Twelve: Ascot Uni v Balclutha 8-2-0-1; Balwyn City v Westall 0-4 1-1; Bundoora v Vermont 0-0 4-4; Maccabi v Hosa Uni Seniors not available 3-2; Chesham v Melbourne Uni 0-2 2-1; Endeavour Hills v Nth Melbourne 4-0-0.

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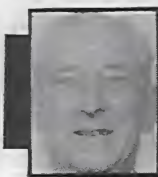
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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Petrovic to leave Arsenal?

It seems unlikely that Arsenal will make an outright bid for Yugoslavia's World Cup skipper Vladimir Petrovic of Red Star Belgrade who has been on loan to Terry Neill's side for the past few months. The Gunners must make a decision by April 1 but indications are that Petrovic, dropped for the first time in his career recently, has not fitted into Arsenal's style of play.



Thijssen to go?

Franz Thijssen, the former F.C. Twente and Dutch international whose contract with Ipswich Town expires at the end of this season is interesting Feyenoord. But Thijssen, Player of the Year in 1982 in England, may follow his former colleague Arnold Muhren to Manchester United — if he decides to leave Portman Road.

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Paisley hits out at Lodz, Platini spurs Juventus

Mighty Italian club Juventus, boasting seven of the Italian World Cup winning side, humbled European Cup holder Aston Villa of England 3-1 in Turin last week, with French World Cup captain Michel Platini scoring twice for the Italians.

The result gave the Italians a 5-2 aggregate win over Villa in their European Cup quarter-final clash and made Juventus a firm favorite to win Europe's most prestigious club trophy.

Poland's Widzew Lodz dumped Liverpool in another quarter-final. The Poles, although beaten at Anfield 3-2, won 4-3 on aggregate.

The remaining semi-final places were filled by Hamburg of West Germany and Spanish champion Real Sociedad.

Hamburg, runner-up to Nottingham Forest in 1980, went down 2-1 to Soviet champion Dynamo Kiev at home, but still went through 4-2 overall.

while the Spaniards scored the two goals they needed to overcome Sporting Lisbon's one-goal first-leg advantage.

In the Turin match, a talented Juventus team, stamped its authority on the game after only 14 minutes with a goal by Platini.

Marco Tardelli headed June into a 2-0 lead after 27 minutes and Platini stole his second midway into the second half before England striker Peter Withe scored a consolation goal for Villa nine minutes from the final whistle.

Polish international Zbigniew Boniek was outstanding in a second half assault by Juventus. In the 68th minute he was blocked in front of goal by Villa defender Ken McNaught

but Platini darted forward to dispossess him and steer his shot well to the right of goalkeeper Nigel Spink to make the score 3-0.

Bemused Villa tried to keep the game open but could do nothing against a Juventus side which showed its superiority in every department in an entertaining and cleanly contested tie.

At Anfield, Phil Neal put Liverpool ahead from the penalty spot in the 14th minute, but Lodz, trounced 3-0 by another English club, Ipswich, in the UEFA Cup two years ago, equalised through Tokinski from another penalty in the 33rd minute when Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar brought down Smolarek.

Smolarek silenced the 44,000 crowd in the 33rd minute after Filipczak had left Allan Kennedy standing to play for a simple second goal.

Liverpool, whose high-scoring Scottish striker Kenny Dalglish pulled out with an intestinal complaint, saved pride with two late goals from Ian Rush and David Hodgson.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley was not impressed by his team's Polish opponents.

"Lodz won't win the cup. I was surprised at their attitude, the way they kicked our players and their cry-baby attitude whenever they went down," he said.

In Hamburg, the cultured Vladimir Bessonov put Kiev ahead in the second half, after Oleg Blokhin had come on as substitute, but Jimmy Hartwig replied almost immediately.

And although Yevtuchenko added a second for Kiev after the interval, Hamburg ran out a comfortable 4-2 winner overall.

Real Sociedad, the Spanish champions, had to wait until four minutes before halftime to draw level with its Portuguese guests, Juan Larrañaga levelling the aggregate score in the 41st minute.

But Spanish hopes of a seventh European Cup success — Real Madrid lifted the trophy six times between 1956 and 1966 — soared when Jose Baquero scored the winner midway through the second half.

Real Madrid, still the most famous name in European football, had to fight all the way to reach the Cup-Winners' Cup semi-finals.

Having drawn 1-1 against Internazionale in Milan two weeks ago, Real looked to be in serious trouble when World Cup star Sandro Altobelli shot the Italians ahead in the 21st minute.

But Real came surging back after the interval and goals from Jose Salguero and Santillana put the Madrid maestros into the last four.

In Aberdeen, the home side scored a famous victory over former triple European champions Bayern Munich of West Germany to qualify for the European Cup Winners Cup semi-finals.



Sentillana



Marco Tardelli



Wlodzimierz Smolarek

The Scots had held mighty Bayern to a goalless draw in the first leg and tonight they came from behind twice to win 3-2.

Augenthaler opened the score for the Germans after 11 minutes but Simpson levelled the score in the 39th minute.

Pflugler put Bayern back ahead again in the 61st minute but the Scots roared back with two goals in as many minutes to join Waterschei of Belgium, Austria Vienna and Real Madrid in the semi-finals.

McLeish in the 77th minute, and Hewitt, who scored just two minutes after coming on as a substitute for Simpson in the 76th minute, were the heroes on a momentous night for Aberdeen which had never got this far in a European competition before.

In the UEFA Cup, the four semi-finalists are Bohemians Prague, Anderlecht of Belgium, Universitatea Craiova of Romania and Benfica of Portugal.

EUROPEAN CUP

In San Sebastian: Real Sociedad (Spain) 2 Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0 (half-time 1-0). Scorers: Juan Larrañaga (41st), Jose Baquero (62). At-

tendance: 35,000. Real Sociedad won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Hamburg: Hamburg (West Germany) 1 Dynamo Kiev (Soviet Union) 2 (half-time 0-0). Scorers: Hamburg — Hartwig; Dynamo Kiev — Bessonov, Yevtuchenko. Attendance: 30,000. Hamburg won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Turin: Juventus (Italy) 3 Aston Villa (England) 1 (half-time 2-0). Scorers: Juventus — Michel Platini (14 and 68), Tardelli (27). Villa — Withe (81). Attendance: 65,000. Juventus won 5-2 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP

In Craiova: Universitatea Craiova (Romania) 1 Kaiserslautern (West Germany) 0 (half-time 0-0). Scorers: Negrita. Attendance: 35,000. Aggregate score 3-3: Universitatea Craiova won on away goals.

In Brussels: Anderlecht (Belgium) 3 Valencia (Spain) 1 (half-time 2-0). Scorers: Anderlecht — Brylle (35 and 61), de Groot (39). Valencia — Tickinski (pen, 33), Smolarek (53). Attendance: 44,949. Widzew Lodz won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Dundee: Dundee United 0 Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia) 0. Attendance: 20,000. Bohemians won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Lisbon: Benfica (Portugal) 1 Roma (Italy) 1 (half-time 1-0). Scorers: Benfica: Filipe (18th). Roma: Falcao (86th). Attendance: 75,000. Benfica won 3-2 on aggregate.

CUPWINNERS' CUP

In Barcelona: Barcelona (Spain) 1 Austria Vienna (Austria) 1 (half-time 1-1). Scorers: Barcelona — Jose Aleascano (44). Austria — Stein Kogler (37). Attendance: 45,000. Aggregate score 1-1. Austria won on away goals rule.

In Gant: Waterschei (Belgium) 3 Paris St Germain (France) 0 after extra time. (half-time 1-0, score after 90 minutes 2-0). Scorers: Gudmundsson (29), Roland Janssen (68), Pierre Janssen (114). Attendance: 30,000. Waterschei won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Madrid: Real Madrid (Spain) 2 Inter Milan (Italy) 1 (half-time 0-1). Scorers: Real — Jose Salguero (61), Carlos Santillana (56). Inter — Alessandro Altobelli (21). Attendance: 85,000. Real won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Aberdeen: Aberdeen (Scotland) 3 Bayern Munich (West Germany) 2 (half-time 1-1). Scorers: Aberdeen — Simpson (39), McLeish (77), Hewitt (78). Bayern — Augenthaler (11), Pflugler (61). Attendance: 24,000. Aberdeen won on aggregate 3-2.

Spurs, Utd. tour

Spurs and Manchester United may meet in a series of exhibition matches in Switzerland in June so the prospects of having players from either side for their tour of Australia continue to dwindle. In addition Manchester United may go to USE in May — if it doesn't reach the F.A. Cup Final.

\$2m. Alofts

Star Kaiserlautern striker Thomas Aloft is reportedly wanted by A.C. Turin and Barcelona. But evidently the Spanish side only wants him on loan as a stand-in for the out-of-faction Diego Maradona while the Italian club wants him on a permanent transfer. But Kaiserlautern's \$2 million valuation of Aloft may scare them off.

Charlton fuming

Jack Charlton, former England defender and now boss of Sheffield Wednesday, recently motored up to Greenock to watch Morion striker Andy Ritchie listed at \$240,000. But Charlton left fuming at half time after seeing the first half sitting next to Ritchie in the stand after he had been dropped.

Thomas travels

Martin Thomas, the Bristol Rovers goalkeeper, has got himself into the Guinness Book of Records by being the first to play for four clubs in the same season. Martin, who already had loan spells with Cardiff, Spurs and Southend now has joined Aston Villa for another approval spell.

Menotti arrives

Cesar Menotti who quit some time ago as boss of Argentine's national side, has arrived in Spain to take over Barcelona in place of Udo Lattek.

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SPORT

Is Watford whirlwind the answer?

When I became Victorian State team coach, one of my phrases to the players was: "There are many ways of playing this game, not one way."

I deliberately coined the phrase, as transition periods between one coach and another often can be traumatic for players, especially the thinkers.

Although systems of play change from one coach to another, the principles of the game do not. It is the coaches' understanding of those principles and his ability to transmit that understanding to the players which will determine results.

I have been reading English magazines recently and it appears Watford's style of play is a major topic of conversation in English soccer circles.

Headlines include "The Big Watford Debate," "It's Taylor's Way for Me," and Brian Glanville's "Credit Watford for their attacking football and be thankful."

Graham Taylor is remembered in Melbourne for his thorough professionalism and utter simplicity that Watford had been subject to criticism all the way up from Fourth Division to the First with its elaborators wondering, with each successive promotion, whether its tactics would work in a higher division.

Well, it appears they do if one checks the English First Division and strangely enough



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

that appears to annoy some people in the game.

Frank McLintock (ex Arsenal and Scottish defender) was the perpetrator of a "Watford Style Worries Me" headline. He describes Watford's style as one that consists of booting the ball up the field from the back. It is usually aimed alongside the opposition's centre backs.

The Watford front men, normally an adventurous four, then attack these 50-yard

aerial bombardments by getting a player to cut off the route back to goal and pressuring the defender with the ball, forcing error, corner or throw-in.

The midfield which is bypassed by the relentless aerial assaults, is there to back up attacks and ball-ins.

Brian Glanville on the other hand says that Watford is attacking and in these days of sterility he suggests we should be thankful for small mercies.

Richie Barker, the Stoke City manager, has no illusions about the direction English football should take, as he states: "It should set itself firmly on the same course as Graham Taylor's Watford."

He goes on: "It's the way the game should be played. People love action in the penalty box. It's o.k. for the purists to talk about build-up and all that but the average fan likes goalmouth incident and plenty of it."

He continues: "I would love to play exactly like Watford but I don't have the players yet to do it, but then we haven't yet arrived at the finished product at Stoke."

The significance of "I don't have the players yet to do it,"

is something that should be looked at closely.

Surely a coach must centre his style or tactics around the availability of players.

The discussion surrounding Watford fascinates me and I will be watching games in Australia to see any similarity or even opposites.

Having two players who are quick and also good in the air as central attackers appears to be important to the style and one wonders if Kosmina and Mitchell fit the bill, everything of course being relative.

Link up these central strikers with two fast-raiding wingers like Brown and Murphy and the mind begins to boggle.

In comparison to Watford's:

Barnes, Jenkins, Blissett and Callaghan, Australia would then have: Brown, Kosmina, Mitchell and Murphy.

Remembering New Zealand's sparmodic attacks and then their retreating defensive style to thwart the Socceros' slow build-up one wonders what results a quick punt to the front line would have produced in those circumstances.

I am attempting to be wise after the event and I am trying to link the articles I've been reading with our own game here in Australia.

I will pursue this line further but would be interested in views by readers on the subject.



Alex Marshall

Is Kosmina the right man for Scheinflug?



Mike Johnson

The replacement of Socceroo captain John Kosmina was the most disappointing feature of the recent national team loss to New Zealand in Melbourne.

Australian coach Les Scheinflug has done a lot of things right during his stint in charge of the Youth and Senior Socceroo teams.

However he will have to question the value of taking his captain off the field in Melbourne.

Kosmina is the most valuable player in this country.

Not only was he the leading goalscorer in the Philips League last season, but he was far and away the hardest working striker in the league.

At 27 Kosmina is at his peak as a striker.

Despite a certain immaturity in his earlier years Kosmina is now a highly responsible, intelligent, experienced and gifted player.

He has the qualities needed of a leader.

The main drawback to his being captain of the Socceros is his playing position.

It is much easier to captain a team from the back.

A striker is usually too flat out trying to handle the close attentions of defenders to be looking over his shoulder trying to "gee up" other players.

Playing further back it is much easier to help with the organisation of the team with general advice, encouragement, or reprimand, if it is necessary.

The main way a striker can have an influence on his team mates, as captain, is to lead by example.

He has to be the bravest, the most hard working, the most unselfish player on the team — it also helps if he can stick a couple of important goals away.

In every respect but the latter one John Kosmina appeared to qualify as captain against New Zealand in Melbourne.

I was not there, but watched the game on television and commentator Rex Mossop made constant mention of the commitment of Kosmina.

A captain can do no more than give his all and especially in the case of a class player like Kosmina it was an error of judgement to take him off, not necessarily in the short term, but certainly in the long term.

It immediately reduces Kosmina's status in the eyes of the players, the public and the press.

It must affect his confidence in his ability to lift other players when his own position seems questioned.

Scheinflug must make a decision soon as to whether Kosmina is the right man, in the high playing position for the job of captaining Australia towards world cup qualification.

He decides that Kosmina is the man for the job he must stick by him and build him up in every way possible.

Scheinflug has gone on record as saying that he will stick by the player who he believes will do the job for him.

His record over the years suggests he will do this.

One of his strengths as a coach is his ability to recognise talent.



Socceroo captain and striker, John Kosmina

I remember years ago when he and I were locked in a promotion battle, he with Marconi and myself with Sutherland in the NSW State League Division One.

At the end of the season, after his team won promotion, he picked out John Roach and Alan Griffith from my team as players of the future and signed them.

Roach went on to play for Australia and Griffiths for NSW.

On other occasions since I have noted his ability to know who can play and who cannot — a facet of Rudi Gutendorf's coaching which was weak.

Team selection however, demands that individuals need to blend in terms of their technical skills and physical and mental make up.

This is something that Scheinflug will also be pondering on most deeply over the coming weeks.

It is true that the players on the park for the New Zealand games were possibly as good as any other selection of the many good players in this country at the moment. However there are other considerations.

Do the playing styles of John Kosmina, David Mitchell and Phil O'Connor gel, is the sort of question Scheinflug will be asking himself.

If he sticks with those three strikers should he change the team style to get the best out of them?

These are the type of conundrums which face all coaches, especially a national team coach with his wide variety of choice.

How successfully Scheinflug is with his judgements will play a major part in how well the Australian team does in its World Cup challenge.

It is not just a question of saying — "that was as good a choice of players as could be made against New Zealand . . . the other players available are no better?"

Perhaps they are not individually, but they may be as a team.

One cannot say how we will fare in our World Cup challenge.

On the other hand it is fair to say that with the players available in this country as opposed to New Zealand we should not have achieved just one lucky draw in four encounters with them.

Maxwell better than ever after operation

Adelaide City youngster, Steve Maxwell, burst onto the national league spotlight when he scored twice for his new club in its 2-2 draw with Canberra.

The young striker already had made his mark with the Socceroo youth team and no doubt will be an integral part of the side which takes on the cream of the world's youth in Mexico in June.

Maxwell's career started as an eight-year-old with West Torrens Birkalla. He played for junior state teams and progressed to the South Australian youth squad. He played for the South Australian side which won the national youth



Steve Maxwell in the colors of Adelaide City. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

championship in 1981 under coach Peter Jakas.

Adelaide City approached him late last year and signed him on a free transfer from Birkalla. He turned 18 in January and has been described by South Australia's Director of Junior Coaching, Mike Wells, as "One of the

brightest prospects I have seen in the past six or seven years."

Maxwell had a cartilage operation last year but his recent form proves that he has made a complete recovery. He's one of many young players emerging on the Australian soccer scene.

Polonia's policeman praises Przybyla

Having experienced promotion twice in the past three years, Alex Marshall now is looking forward to finishing among the State League top four.

He's confident his club, Polonia, will do it, despite the presence of heavyweights like Ajax, Croatia, Morwell Falcons, Juventus and Crocydon.

Marshall who, at 5ft 5ins and 16 stone, claims to be the biggest outfield soccer player in the world, gained promotion from the Second Division with Richmond and promotion from the First Division to State League with Polonia.

Polonia finished fifth in 1982 and Marshall was the club's top scorer, with 11 goals.

He's expecting even bigger things from himself and from Polonia.

Defender Danny McCluskey (ex-Makedonia, Frankston) joined last week from Kew Celtic and his brother Pat (ex-Glasgow Celtic) may follow him. A Polish First Division player is expected to arrive shortly, and the club is benefiting from the coaching of Mick Lynn.

Marshall, 24, a Federal policeman, has scored about 200 goals in nine seasons of senior soccer.

Rosanna had him in its juniors for two seasons and at the age of about 14 he and five other members of the Victorian State under 15 squad joined Hakoah, then coached by Bill Curran.

He played senior soccer for Hakoah at 15, in the reserves, and at 17 he transferred to Metropolitan League club Moreland, before switching to Richmond and then Polonia.

His attacking partner is Janusz Przybyla, a former Polish First Division player whom Marshall describes as: "One of the most talented forwards in Australia. He has uncanny close skills." Polonia was considered probably the best team in Australia in the early sixties, when it featured Polish stars Jankowski, Janczyk, Gasior, Jurecki, Kowalek, etc. It won the State League championship in 1960 and 1961 and the Ampol Cup in 1964 but the reduction in immigration hit Polonia just as it hit so many other clubs. Its revival started with promotion back to the State League at the end of 1981.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Victoria tops for soccer: MacLean

From page 4

time atmosphere. He was unrealistic and paid the price — he lost his coaching job at Lions."

"He even accused me of trying to get him the sack. He gave me an ultimatum — either find a club in the Queensland State League in two weeks or be flown back to Scotland."

MacLean found a club, Olympic, but never enjoyed State League soccer there. He is highly critical of the standard of the Queensland State League and he became a lazy player. It's different now.

The move to Falcons has been good for me. Lots of players told me that if you want to do anything in soccer in this country you have to play in Victoria. They're right.

"I was mad at first when

those couple of stories appeared in the paper but I've got over it. Up in Queensland you can be overweight and no journalist says anything. You can't get away with it with the writers down here. Anyway, it was true. I was overweight. Reading about it in print only made me determined to do something about it which I have done and will continue to do."

MacLean is a visa player. He hopes to gain permanent residency this year and get married in November. Sara is the lady's name. The couple met in London a few years ago and Sara has been in Australia for 18 months.

MacLean works as a trade assistant in Morwell. Working and training hard again have revitalised his attitude to the game.

That's not just a bonus for Falcons but also for all State League voyeurs.

Wealth of talent

Progressive Victorian Provisional League club Diamond Valley has signed five new players and is negotiating to sign two more.

Valley signed three players from Heidelberg Bundoora: Gary Tacker, 23, a goalkeeper; Don Clark, 26, a central defender and Robert Persa, 22, a left back. Craig Bass, 22, a defensive midfielder formerly with Richmond, was signed from Greenborough. Marcel Vanderslik has joined from Amateur League outfit Bundoora.

Valley was negotiating with Thomastown for the transfer of 28 year old striker John Kovacevic. It also wants to sign his cousin, Darrin Jurekovic, a 25 year old defensive midfielder currently with Shepparton City.

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Finalmente è scattato il campionato di Lega Statale 1983, fra la grande attesa dei tifosi che si sono riversati abbastanza numerosi sugli spalti dei campi, ansiosi di vedere le squadre del cuore alla conferma delle speranze ispirate durante il pre-campionato.

C'è da augurarsi che questo incoraggiante afflusso di pubblico continui a mantenersi, e magari aumentare, con il passare delle settimane e le squadre abbiano perciò l'incoraggiamento e il contributo necessari per condurre a termine un buon campionato, poiché il giocare di fronte ad una platea o a tribune vuote, oltretutto, fa anche una grande differenza sul risultato. È impossibile infatti giocare bene senza il incoraggiamento, lo stimolo e l'atmosfera della folla.

Come dicevamo la settimana scorsa in sede di previsioni generali sul campionato, il temuto Green Gully si è appunto rivelato tutt'altro che irresistibile, facendosi impattare sul pareggio da un non eccezionale Polonia. Respiro di sollievo quindi per tutte le

concorrenti al successo finale, di cui almeno tre (Croatia, Juventus e Morwell) hanno cominciato a tambur battente.

TANTE ATTENUANTI

PER FAWKNER

Oltre alla Juventus e al Morwell, anche il Fawknor può essere soddisfatto del suo battesimo di fuoco nella Lega Statale, risultato a parità. Sceso in campo contro l'infortunato del Box Hill, rinforzato da acquisti di valore come Miranda e Keenan, il Fawknor è ben presto rimasto letteralmente senza difesa per le assenze di Sabbadini (appena guarito ma ancora alla ricerca della forma) e di Schipano (che ha deciso di prendersi una guadagnata vacanza) e con l'infortunio a Gooney verso la metà del primo tempo. Fino ad allora il Fawknor era in cattedra e solo la eccezionale giornata di grazia dell'estremo difensore borbite ha negato la marcia verso gli azzurri. L'uscita di Gooney e l'arrestamento di Carlo Sabbidussi a libero, ha molto influito sul rendimento della squadra, anche se il capitano azzurro si è disimpegnato abbastanza bene nell'insolito ruolo. Il centrocampo, ancora senza l'indisposto Bruno Sabbidussi, ha resistito nel cambiamento. In avanti Tuffield è stato ammirabile per la sua caparbia, ben spallieggiato da Palinkas, mentre Boziks è apparso alquanto guai di tono e Kojic ha esasperato panchina e tifosi con il suo stile individuale. Ben fa fatto Cirkevovic a sostituirlo con il giovane "bomber" Sannoli che ha messo a segno un'altra delle sue poderose borbite.

Anche con questa formazione rimaneggiata il Fawknor avrebbe meritato di vincere, poiché ha fatto registrare una netta superiorità territoriale, ha creato più occasioni ed è stato più pericoloso. Il Box Hill se è dimostrato squadra molto solida, con un'ideale combinazione di gioventù ed esperienza e se il suo portiere ripeterà, regolarmente, la prova di domenica scorsa contro il Fawknor, poche squadre riusciranno a domarlo con facilità.

La sconfitta perciò non deve scoraggiare il Fawknor, poiché è stata registrata immeritabilmente e con tutte le attenuanti. Quando Cirkevovic potrà disporre nuovamente di Sabbadini, Gooney, Schipano e Bruno Sabbidussi le cose andranno diversamente.

La lunga lista di assenti, oltre a mettere a nudo la scarsità numerica della rosa dei titolari, ci riporta a riprendere un discorso già fatto qualche tempo fa quando criticavamo il fitto calendario pre-campionato del Fawknor, dopo aver giocato un anno intero a tutto spiano in campionato e in Coppa Italia.

È impossibile per die giocatori, giovani che siano, giocare il calcio ai limiti della esasperazione per dodici mesi quasi filati. Il fisico ne risente, gli infortuni aumentano di numero e di gravità e lo spirito passa. Nessuno perciò può accusare Schipano per aver preso una vacanza, poiché se la merita e ne aveva bisogno. Ci auguriamo che i risultati disastrosi che questo "tour de force" ha avuto sui giocatori siano una lezione per i responsabili del Fawknor e che non



Andre Zinni



Les Gooney

antepagano più il prestigioso campionato della Coppa Italia e il pur utile proffito di amichevoli pre-campionato alla buona condizione fisica e mentale che un decente riposo estivo darebbe ai giocatori.

DUE PUNTI PREZIOSI

PER IL MORWELL

Le altre due italiane hanno invece colto buoni successi in trasferta. Quello più vistoso e importante è indubbio quello del 2-1 imposto dal Morwell al Croydon, per di più sul difficile campo di quest'ultimo da cui quasi tutte le squadre escono spennacchiate.

È pur vero che il Croydon ha fatto più gioco e ha chiuso il Morwell nella sua metà campo per tre quarti buoni della partita, ma è anche vero che questi due punti saranno forse i più importanti dell'anno per la squadra di Boggi, che ha quindi fatto bene ad usare una tattica difensiva per puntare quindi sui contropiedi e risolvere così la partita a suo favore.

Su un campo corto come quello del Croydon, dove praticamente il centrocampo non ha ragione di esistere, e con la sicurezza che danno Whiteside e compagni in difesa era l'unica tattica da adottare.

Il Croydon, sicuro della sua forza, è caduto nel trabocchetto e si è affannato ad assediare la porta ben sorvegliata del Morwell che ha assorbito i colpi come un pugno incassatore e ha messo a segno i due colpi da KO con l'ala Van Baar e il centrocampista McLean con immediati contropiedi, mentre la difesa avversaria faceva guardia allo spauracchio McGuinness.

Battere il Croydon in casa, come dicevamo, non è impresa facile per nessuno, specialmente quest'anno che i padroni di casa si sono rinforzati per puntare seriamente alle prime poltrone della classifica. Il merito dei ragazzi di Boggi è quindi ancora più risanante del risultato in se stesso.

Questo vantaggio iniziale in campionato potrebbe spingere il Morwell a fare un ulteriore sforzo ed assicurarsi Alun

Evans dell'Hellas, al quale sembra che la Juventus, altra interessata, abbia ormai rinunciato a causa delle pretese finanziarie del club di appartenenza e del giocatore.

LA JUVE VINCE E FA BEN SPERARE

Per la Juventus il discorso è diverso, anche se tutto sommato molto positivo per il futuro. Innanzitutto la vittoria con un avversario mediocre come il George Cross, che per l'occasione era anche senza allenatore, non è poi cosa da fare andare in visibilo. Ma ci sono tante altre indicazioni che fanno ben sperare per il comportamento della squadra durante l'anno. Innanzitutto la Juventus ha finalmente giocato per 90 minuti, anche se era calata leggermente di ritmo all'inizio del secondo tempo. E questo è una cosa che non si vedeva da anni. Ovvio che la preparazione di Margaritis ha dato ai giocatori una buona dose di fiato; ma a contribuire è stato anche il ringiovanimento della squadra con l'innesto di Zinni, Drinockzy e Lloyd; oltre alla competizione fra i giocatori per guadagnarsi e tenersi il posto ora che la panchina è ben fornita di sostituti alla stessa altezza dei titolari in campo. Infatti Margaritis ha potuto permettersi il lusso di tenere in panchina gente come Incaulupo, Ged Bannan e Cavallari e di non usare affatto Tony Heery.

Per Incaulupo si tratta di coraggio da parte dell'allenatore, ma anche di buon senso da parte del giocatore che ha accettato di buon grado di stare in panchina dopo i fasti delle tournées mondiali con la nazionale giovanile, appunto perché gli impegni esauirono la formazione verdore o lo hanno provato e appannato di forma. Ma quando è sceso in campo Fabio ha dimostrato di essere anche ora un giocatore che ispira il rispetto degli avversari e che potrebbe risolvere una partita in qualsiasi momento.

Forse il desiderio di doverlo provare, o magari la mancanza di lucidità di visione di gioco che appunto avviene in casi del genere, non gli ha permesso in una plateale occasione di passare la palla a Zinni, solo davanti al portiere, per cercare la segnatura personale senza successo.

Di Zinni c'è poco da dire. Egli è oggi il più redditizio giocatore della Juventus con la sua classe, la sua incredibile prestanza fisica e la sua caparbia di correre su tutte le palle. Oltre alla rete messa a segno dopo uno sprint che ha lasciato per strada la difesa avversaria, il giovane ha colpito una palla, effettuato una manovra di poco diverse occasioni, oltre ad avere orchestrato con Rogers l'azione che ha portato alla segnatura di French. In un'altra occasione ha inseguito la palla raggiungendola assieme al portiere e, nello scontro, ha fatto un volo di alcuni metri conclusosi con un paio di capriole; ha quindi ritrovato i suoi piedi, raggiunto la palla, effettuato una repentina girata a messo al centro un magnifico traversone a mezza altezza sul quale French si è buttato a pesce, mancando incredibilmente la porta vuota con una testata

che ha alzato la palla appena oltre la traversa. Forse però Zinni farebbe bene a risparmiarsi un poco, a non irritare i poveri difensori avversari che, ridicolizzati e inebetiti, potrebbero ricorrere ad estremi rimedi fallosi.

Altra nota positiva della partita contro il George Cross è stato l'arrestamento di Lloyd a centrocampo nel secondo tempo. Il ragazzo ha della tecnica, è forte e combattivo e corre per novanta minuti. In avanti la sua irruenza gli nega la calma risolutiva necessaria e, in incerto senso, ostacola French con il suo continuo correre in tutte le direzioni. A centrocampo si è dimostrato molto più utile ed autoritario, dando maggiore impulso al reparto; e French sembra abbia aumentato di giri con lo spazio maggiore che ha avuto a sua disposizione. La sintesi è stata un capolavoro di tempestività, di esperienza e di classe che fanno ben sperare per il suo recupero.

La difesa ha retto molto bene agli sporadici ma furiosi affondi della prima linea maltese (ovverossia scozzese), con Drinockzy che ha dominato la zona centrale, anche se alcuni sgraziosi nel suo intervento di piedi e poco preciso nella distribuzione (che dovrebbe lasciare più a Pat Bannan). Egli però dovrebbe tentare regolarmente delle improvvise discese che potrebbero essere sfruttate per la sua torreggiante statura e la fuellata di destro, e inoltre andare sotto porta avversaria per i calci d'angolo e le punizioni dal limite.

Il più vecchio del Bannan ha fatto un ottimo lavoro come sweeper, senza mai mancare un intervento di testa o di piedi e sembra abbia abbandonato l'ambizione di farsi passare per il campione. Vince Bannan e Hird sono stati sicuri come al solito, completando così una difesa con i fiocchi in cui anche Clayton sembra stia riacquistando fiducia e forma, nonostante qualche sfortunata di nessuna conseguenza.

A centrocampo ottimo e intelligente come al solito Rogers, specialmente nel secondo tempo; di Lloyd centrocampista abbiamo già detto e per l'altra posizione al centro la scelta è su Swinscoe, Nelson, Ged Bannan e Cavallari, mentre la mancanza di forma di Incaulupo e le sue prossime lunghe assenze con la nazionale potrebbero creare due, invece di uno, posti per tutti questi "panchinarri" ai quali si deve anche aggiungere Tony Heery.

Se French continuerà a migliorare sulla sua incoraggiante prestazione fornita contro il George Cross; con Zinni in gran forma e ovviamente in crescendo e con Incaulupo quando disponibile, anche i problemi della prima linea potrebbero essersi risolti adeguatamente.

Certo però che se le occasioni di mercato si presentassero, la Juventus farebbe bene a cedere un centrocampista, e forse anche Heery, e assicurarsi un'altra punta per dare anche al reparto avanzato una buona alternativa.

Questa settimana il compito del Fawknor è quasi impossibile a Morwell, mentre per la Juventus gli ospiti del Croydon non saranno una passeggiata.

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ΒΑΛΑΣ ΜΕΛΕΤΩΝΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΘΕΙΜΑΙΟΣ

Κάνοντας ένα από τα καλύτερα της παγινίδια ή Βάλας Μελετώνες κέρδισε δίκαια και καθαρά το πολυσυζητημένο Σύνδεσμο "Ολυμπιακό" το οποίο μάζεψε τρία γκολ στην κλάση του πρωτοκρίτου σε 45 λεπτά. Το γκολ κέρδισε ο Ντάρντντ και η παρτίδα του.

Η Βάλας που έπαιζε ήταν υπέρτερη σε όλες της τις γραμμές και απέδειξε ότι αυτή την στιγμή έχει την καλύτερη ομάδα στο "Βουνό" πρωτάθλημα.

Μετά την συνάντηση η προπονήτρια της Βάλας Ραίηλ Ράσις μάζεψε: "Αν θέλαμε μετά το 3-0 μπορούσαμε να βάλουμε κι άλλα τέρματα. Η ομάδα μου όπως είδατε έχει άριστη φυσική κατάσταση. Ξεπέρασε άδυναμιες από τους παίκτες μας. Μπορούμε να πούμε και καλύτερα".

"Όσο για τον Ντάρντντ δήλωσε μετά τον αγώνα: "Μπορεί να χάσαμε και σήμερα αλλά για το μέλλον δεν έχω... προβλήματα...".

"Όσο για τον διατηρητή ΕΡΝ έχουμε να πούμε ότι ήταν τυχερός που δεν έγινε άδυναμις πιάσοντας το παιχνίδι γιατί με την άδυναμις που είχε απέναντί της κινώμενες τον παίκτη τον "Ολυμπιακό", ίσως να το είχαμε ζο σκόρεν άδυναμις.

"Ήταν μακριά από τις κόντρες φάσεις και για τον λόγο αυτό δεν είδε την κωμωδία που έριξε ο Σέκερ στον Ντάρντντ, όπως είδε και το πέναλτι εις βάρος του "Ολυμπιακού" ο Ρότζερς σταμάτησε με το χέρι στο 56' την σέντρα του "Βγκαν". Βαθμοί 3.

ΝΕΟΙ ΠΑΙΚΤΕΣ ΣΤΟΝ ΜΕΤΑ

"Ένα νέο παίκτη απέκτησε ο "Αλέξανδρος" την Κυριακή στο Βρόντ με τον οποίο έκανε συμβόλαιο 2 ετών.

Προσέκτη για τον Εξ Αλφόντο Αχμέτ "Αου" ενώ 23 ετών που βρέθηκε για ένα διάστημα

ΑΕΚ "Αθηνών και από καιρό τώρα βρίσκεται στην Μεταβόρνη όπου προπονήθηκε με τον Μέγα και άρρεσε στον Ντάρντντ.

"Ας σημειωθεί ότι ο παίκτης είχε την μεταγραφή του και δεν θα στοιχίσει πολλά χρήματα στον "Αλέξανδρο".

ΔΕΝ ΥΠΑΡΧΕΙ ΟΜΑΔΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΠΑΤΣΟΝ

Πρός το παρτίον δεν βρέθηκε ομάδα που να ενδιαφερόμενη για τον Πάττον του Μέγα.

"Ετσι ο παίκτης παραμένει στην λίστα των μεταγραφών και μέλλεται στο... άχρηστο."

ΤΕΡΜΕΤΑ ΓΚΟΛ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΕΡΝ

Κάνοντας ένα καλό ξεκίνημα στο πρωτάθλημα της Β' του Πρωτοβόρνη με 4 γκολ νίκησε άνετα το Ναυαγνίκι Γιουν. με 4-0 και με τέρματα των Κυριαζόπουλου 2, Δελφιδίου και Μανέβ (πέναλτι).

Ι - Ι - Η Ν.ΒΑΛΑΣ

"Η Ν.ΒΑΛΑΣ παίχοντας καλό ποδόσφαιρο έκοψε έδρα πήρε ισοπαλία από το Γκιόλντντ Ι-Ι με γκολ του Γκίσιου.

"Ήταν ο Καραμωδής, Τούττας, Χαμακίδης, Τερεμηνάκος, Δούκας, Σολιόπουλος, (30' Τζαγκαλάκης), Γκίσιος, Κενεσούλης, Σακάλι, Λάριος, Σταυρίδης, Σολιόνης.

ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΣΙΛΑ 7 ΜΟΝΑΡ Ι

Το ΚΑΙΤΩΝ ΣΙΛΑ στον πρώτο του αγώνα για το πρωτάθλημα της Α' του Πρωτοβόρνη με 2 γκολ νίκησε με 2-0 τον Ντάρντντ με 12 γκολ. Αν ο κινώμενος του Ντάρντντ περισσότερο. Τελικά το 7-Ι δεν είναι και άσχημο σκόρεν και τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Καράλιας 5, Πετροπούλου και Λορέτι.

Σεχόρσαν ο Κυριακίδης, Καράλιας και ο δυνάμεις Πετροπούλου.

"Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 4-0.

ΣΙΝΕΡ ΠΟΝΤΙΟΝ

Σε φιλική αγώνα η "Ένωση Ποντίων" νίκησε στο γηπεδο της στο Ριτόμοντ την Κυριακή το πρωί την Τουρκική Γιάρρα Γιουνάιτεντ

με 2-0 και με τέρματα των Χατζήδη και Σ. Κουτρονίκου.

"Η ελληνική ομάδα χρησιμοποίησε πολλούς παίκτες οι οποίοι άσκησαν άριστες εντυπώσεις και Ικανοποίησαν τον προπονητή Στράβ Κουτρονίκου.

"Ήταν οι Θώπης, Κουλούκας, Τελεκίδης, Καζάκης, Στρούζας, Κουτρονίκου, Μπάκας, Κατάλι, Μ. Στρούζας, Τσιφλίδης, Χατζήδης, Μπακίδης, Μανιάτης, Σ. Κουτρονίκου, Τζό Κατάλι και Χρ. Κουτρονίκου.

Οι προπονήσεις του συλλόγου συνεχίζονται κάθε Τετάρτη και Παρασκευή.

ΤΟ ΝΤΕΡΜΙΝ ΤΟ ΠΕΡΕ ΤΟ ΚΕΑΡ

Για το πρωτάθλημα της Γ' του Μετροπόλιταν το "Ώλη" πήρε την πρώτη του νίκη επί του Μορντιάλλο με 2-1.

Τα τέρματα πέτυχαν για την νίκη η οποία στο Νταντλίας και Μ. Καβαρντίνας η οποία στο Α' μέρος προηγήθηκε 2-0.

Στην επόμενη η Μορντιάλλο πήρε την υπεροχή αλλά το αόνο που κατέφερε ήταν να μειώσει το σκόρεν σε 2-1 με τον Πάπα το όλο ήταν και το τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

"Από το "Ώλη" ξεχώρισαν οι Κρίβρης, Κιάκος και Κοντοκόσιος.

"Ήταν οι Κένεντυ, Λουκάς, Στοιγιάδης, Μπακινίδης, Κρίβρης, Τ. Καβαρντίνας, (Γ/Κα Μπακινίδης), Κοντοκόσιος, Κιάκος, Νταντλίας Πετρίδης, Μ. Καβαρντίνας, (Πεχλινίδης).

"Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 5-1 και με γκολ των Σταντντόβλα 3 και Λακίδη 2.

ΠΕΡΕΤΩΜΗ Η ΑΕΑ 4-2 ΤΟ ΑΛΙΑΡ

ΕΚΟΡΕΕ ΟΙ ΜΕΛΕΤΩΝΕΣ 2 ΤΕΡΜΕΤΑ ΚΑΙ Ο ΤΡΙΜΕΣ ΑΔΗΡΕΤΙΟΥ

Με το δεξί μπήκε στο πρωτάθλημα της Α' του Πρωτοβόρνη η Α' ομάδα Γιάρραβιλ η οποία έκοψε έδρα πήρε καθαρή νίκη από το όνομα το άλλο δολητικό Αλλιόρ με 4-3.

Σε γενικές γραμμές ο άδυναμις έκανε το παιχνίδι και τις δύο ομάδες.

Στο Α' μέρος η περσινή πρωτάθλημα του Γιάρραβιλ με τον άδυναμις υπέρ κατόρθωσε να προηγηθεί με 3-0 και με γκολ των Τζιμ Αμνιότρου (6'), "Αδα Τζαμπίλ (26') και Νίκου Μελέτη (35').

Στην επόμενη ο γηπεδοδότης με βοήθη τον άδυναμις στην επίθεση και στο 47 είχαν σκόρεν στο σκορεν του Γιάρραβιλ.

Στο 52' μειώσαν το σκόρεν με γκολ και Λίγιο μετά ο Νίκου Μελέτης μετά από περφόρμανς μπάλια το Τερζάκης έριξε το 4-1. Το 58' άρρε συνεχίστηκε δυνατά και στο 82' το Αλλιόρ μειώσε σε 4-2 πάλι με τον Παρόφω για να πετύχει και τρίτο τέρμα στο 90' με τον Λίβιο Παίκτη και να μείνει το τελικό σκόρεν 4-3.

"Από την Α' ομάδα δεν υπέστησε καυένας παίκτης της και όλοι κινώμενος την μπάλια και στα 90' επέτα της συνάντησης.

"Άτυχος στάθηκε ο Βαγγέλης Τερζάκης που τραυματίστηκε στο 69' και απέχρησε, αφήνοντας μεγάλο κενό στο χέρι.

"Ο νεαρός Κόστας Γιάκας στάθηκε πολύ καλός κάτω από τα δοκάρια του και είχε στο ενεργητικό του μία περφόρμανς απόκριση.

"Έκτοτε ο νεαποκρίτης Πίλμης Αμνιότρου άρρε άριστες εντυπώσεις.

"Η διατήρηση του Ν. Καβαρντίδη ήταν άριστη αν και είχε να κάνει με ένα δόσιμο ντέρμπι. Βαθμοί 10.

"Η ΑΕΑ άγωνίστηκε με τους Γιάκας, Πανδπούλου, Τζαμπίλ, Φ. Αμνιότρου, Τ. Αμνιότρου, Τερζάκη (69' Παπαδόπουλος), Βολιόγλη, Τζ. Αμνιότρου, Πετρίδη, Στανδπούλου, (80' Αλλιόρ), Μελέτη.

Το Σάββατο η Α' ομάδα στο γηπεδο της υποδέχεται το Κουπλίφ σε ένα άδυναμις ντέρμπι και πιστεύεται ότι οι Γιάκας θα δώσουν έντονο το παρτίον στον δόσιμο αυτόν αγώνα για να βοηθήσουν την Ελληνική μας ομάδα.

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SLABA IGRA U ADELALDI

Pošele tekove poraza protiv Makedonije i prethodne slabe igre protiv Aleksandra da je znak za uzbunu u "plavom" taboru. Kapiten Zoran Illoski je stavljen na transfer listu. Vest je bila neocakivana, cak i za Zorana, iako je uporno odbijao da obnovi ugovor sve dok se ne ispune njegovi vrtlogovi zahvati materijalne prirode. Zbog stalnog natezanja stvorila se je nezdrava atmosfera, koja se je prenosi na ostale igraice. Uprava pokusava da to presece, da povrati kod igraca ljubav prema klubu. Prvi pokusaj nije uspeo, jer je JUST i u Adelaldu igrao slabo i razocarao svoje brojne navijace u tom gradu. Jasno je kao dan da JUST nema sredinu, niti vezne igraice. West Adelaide je bukvalno samleo "plave" iako je rezultat minimalan, cak je mogao biti neresen da Gus Macleod i Zdravko Lujic nisu kiksirali "stiere". Ako ikusni igraici ne uspejaju da iskoriste zrele sance, sta se moze ocekivati od mladih i neiskusnih? Nekoliko novih igraca nisu doneli zel jenu promenu. Daleko su od onoga sto "plavima" treba da izadju iz krize. Propao je pokusaj da se dovede John Izendoorn, jer je South Melbourne umesao poraz, iako ne zna sta se sa igracima koje je do sad pokupavao. Izendoorn je veliki igrač, ali JUST ne treba da zali sto ga nije dobio. Postoji opravdana sumnja da se ne bi uklopio, cak bi strcas svojim nezgodnim i neodgovornim ponašanjem.

Dakle, JUST mora hitno da obnovi svoje redove sa par odgovornih i dobrih igrača.

Velika je hrabrost ako JUST sa ovim timom i raspolozenim docela South Melbourne Hellasa u nedelju 27. marta na svom igralistu. Ja nemam hrabrost da prognoziram rezultat, sto ne znaci da JUST nema nikakve nade. U fudbalu je sve moguće, ako se igra srcano i borbeno, sto nije bio slucaj u Adelaldu, gde je domaci tim zamenio provedjenog golmana sa levim

bekom. Ovaj je ocigledno drhiao, ali je sretno prosao, jer jatova "plava" navala nije poslaia za 45 minuta ni jedan direktan sud na protivnicki gol.

U slaboj i nezanimljivoj igri Makedonija i Aleksandar su podelili bodove i razocarali svoje navijace, koji su ostali gladni golova. Pravu vrednost Makedonije videmo iduce nedelje u gostima protivu St Georga u Sidneju. Nedostatak Doug Browna bice osetan sto se dublje ulazi u prvenstvo.

ZANIMLJIVA PREDIGRA

U predigri derbi utakmice izmedju JUST-a i Hellasa videmo u akciji stare above, koji ce se u drugom kolu Hajduka i Crvene zvezde boriti za "Trofej Jadrana", koji poklana Drustvo prijatelja Hajduka u Melbourne. Za Hajduke ce igrati Frank Micec, Marko Fode, braca Kazi i braca Pahlina poroc ostalih, dok ce Rujevic, Vasic, Cvijic i Milisavljevic biti dirigenti Zvezdinoj orkestra.

POCETAK PRVENSTVA U VIKTORIJI

BELL PARK - ALTONA GATE/VARDAR 0:0 za prvenstvo prve divizione. Ravnopravna igra igrača i realan rezultat. Sastav Altona Gate: Chris Dimovski, Stefo Trajkovski, Jim Dervisovski, John Serovski, Dragolj Naumovski, Baskin Bojkovic, Trajce Jovanovski, Steve Dimovski, Mile Micevski, Dragi Nedelkovski, Cele Talevski. Zadnjih 20 minuta igrao je i Slobodan Kitanovski. Rezerva Vardara je pobedila sa 1:0. Gol je postigao Cane Zdravovski iz slobodnog udarca sa 20 metara.

DRUGI TIM JUSTS - SPRINGVALE CITY 1:1

(0:1). Dogodilo se ono sto smo stitili. Poneti pobedama u raznim kupovima "plavi" su poceli lezerno, pa su u drugom poluvremenu jedva spasili jedan bod. Gol je postigao Lube Talevski u 72. minuta. Sastav: Peter Hrehorsin, Dragan Bibovic, Vasko Stojcević, Nedeljko Rajlic, Dazek Smurgeski, Lube Talevski, Emil Petrov, Perez Reigosa, Robert Glavan, Tom Karic, Mendo Ristovski. Rezerve: Cane Veleviski, Marino Oblak, Dusko Atanasovski i Jorgo Gagic. Rezerve su takodje igrane nereseo 2:2. Strelci Zoran Pasoski i Jorgo Gagic.

KINGWOOD/SRBIA - ST. ALBANS/DINAMO 0:0. Utakmica je pocela sa minutom cutanja pokojnog igraču "Srbije" Draganu Stevanovicu. Igraci "Srbije" su imali vise od igre, ali peh pred golom. Najbolji su bili Dragan Milisavljevic, Peter Vaughan i John Vaili. Rezerva Srbije je pobedila sa 3:1 (2:1). Strelci Vlada Pekic 2 i Robert Remmers.

CARLTON/MILADOST - HAWKSBURN 1:4 (0:1). Strelci: Stevan Belurov iz jedanaesterca za Miladost 78. minutu, Slavko Visic u 20 i 50. minutu, Andras Kazi iz jedanaesterca u 47. i Edo Bacelle u 88. minutu za Hawksburn. Najbolji igrač Edo Bacelle, Jani Palo i Andras Razi za Hawksburn, Mike Bker, Cane Trajkovski i Vasko Stojcević za Miladost. Rezerva Hawksburna je zasluzeno pobedila Miladost sa 5:3 (2:2). Strelci: Marko Gvozdic 2 (plus promaseni jedanaesterc) i Slobodan Culic za Miladost, Slavko Drijic 2, Joe Forai, George Antal i Istvan Laslo za Hawksburn.

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO - UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE 4:1 (2:0). Laka i zasluzena boljeg tima, koji je nije iskoristio sve sance. Strelci: Milenko Culibrk 3 i Milan Stojilovic. Najbolji igrač: Dragan Janjic, Zdravko Babic i Milenko Culibrk. Rezerva je pobedila sa 3:1 (1:1). Strelci: Joe Francist 2 i Toma Okvic.

ALTONA UTD/VOJVODINA - HAMPTON WAN-

DERERS 5:0 (3:0). Strelci: Vlacav Pitra 2, Adam Miller, John Gedelovski i Miki Cvetkovski. Najlepši je bio prvi gol Vlacava Pitre iz slobodnog udarca. Rezerva Vojvodine, popunjena sa 5 juniora ispod 16 godina, pobedila je borbene goste sa 1:0. Gol je postigao Oliver Karanfilovski, star 15 godina.

MOE UTD - PASCOE VALE/PELISTER 1:1. Pelester je propustio priliku da donese kuci oba boda, koja je zaslužio boljom igrom. Jedini gol je postigao Tony Centarino. Rezerva Pelistera je pobedila sa 3:0. Sva tri gola postigao je Tom Apostolovski.

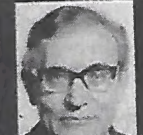
GEELONG UTD. - PLAVI DUNAV 2:2 (0:1). Strelci za Plavi Dunav: Mihalj Djarmati i Mihalj Mistic iz jedanaesterca. Rezerva Geelong Uniteda pobedila je zasluzeno sa 3:0 (2:0).

JUNIORSKI KUPOVI

Na juniorskom turniru Zapadnih predgradja trijumfovali su JUST-ovi malisani ispod 12 godina, koji su u finalu pobedili jakog protivnika St. Albans/Dinamo sa 2:0 (0:0). Bila je to ziva i ravno-pravna igra. Jedino su "plavi" imali bolje strelce. Golove su postigli Sasa Naumovski i Sasa Becvinski. Sastav "plavih" juniora: Dusko Knezevic, Slobodan Grmusa, Zeljko Jadrac, Ljubisa Kovacevic, Zoran Kitanovski, Sasa Vasiljkovic, Sasa Naumovski, Toni Dimovski, Sasa Becvinski, Goran Erdelicki, Zivko Razmovski. Rezerve: Tony Aleksov i Tony Dautovic.

Juniori ispod 16 godina su uzeli veliki teret na svoja mlada pleca. Igrali su na dva turnira u subotu i nedelju, pa nije cudno sto su u nedelju poklekli. U subotu su juniori JUST-a ispod 16 godina pobedili Fawken sa 3:2. Strelci: Sandovan 2 i Vesa Kovacevic.

U nedelju je Keilor/Austrija pobedila u finalu "plave" juniore sa 2:1. Jedini gol je postigao Sandovan.



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ROUND 3

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 27th

FOOTSCRAY

V

SOUTH MELBOURNE

SCHINTLER RESERVE

K.O. 3 pm

Previous results

'77 2-2

'78 0-2

'79 0-2

'80 3-0

'81 1-2

'82 1-1



**OSCAR CRINO
(SOUTH)**



**KEN TAYLOR
(FOOTSCRAY)**

HEIDELBERG

V

WEST ADELAIDE

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

K.O. 3 pm

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**GRAHAM HEYS
(WEST ADELAIDE)**



**BOB VINCENT
(HEIDELBERG)**